SUNDAY
November 26, 2023

BENGALURU
CITY EDITION
30 Pages ₹ 8.00

THE HINDU ON SUNDAY

INDIA'S NATIONAL NEWSPAPER SINCE 1878

www.thehindu.com
FOLLOW US
https://newsth.live/fb
https://newsth.live/x
https://newsth.live/ig

Vol. 54 • No. 48

Printed at » Chennai » Coimbatore » Bengaluru » Hyderabad » Madurai » Noida » Visakhapatnam » Thiruvananthapuram » Kochi » Vijayawada » Mangaluru » Tiruchirapalli » Kolkata » Hubballi » Mohali » Malappuram » Mumbai » Tirupati » Lucknow » Cuttack » Patna

Presenting
The Carens X-Line
X from a different world

First-in-class
Stylish matte graphite exterior and black glossy grille

Best-in-class
G1.5 Turbo petrol engine with 117.5 kW (160 ps) power

First-in-class
Rear seat entertainment screen and walk-in lever

Class-leading
Futuristic interiors with spacious 3-rows and captain seats

Best-in-class
Kia Connect with 68 smart features

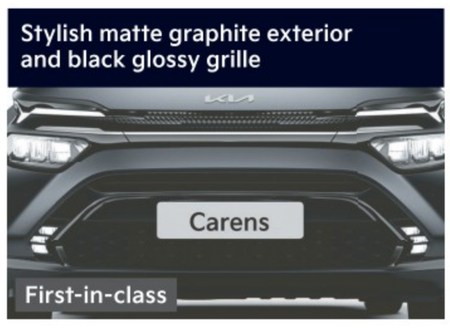
Price starts at ₹18 94 900*.

Book Now | Call 1800 108 5000 | Visit www.kia.com/in | Book Kia Carens

Movement that inspires

Carens
From a different world

Take all the great things the Kia Carens has to offer and get ready to be transported to a different world. Right from the Xclusive Matte Graphite Exterior to the Space-age Cockpit with Sage Green Upholstery, Walk-in Lever and Rear Seat Entertainment Screen, the Carens X-Line is crafted to immerse you into a different world of style and comfort.



make you stand out in the world.

delivers unmatched power for all your family trips.

give the freedom to choose your entertainment and adjust your space.

offer more legroom and comfort, which is class-leading.

lets you control your Kia from the comfort of your home.

Robust 15 Hi-Safety Package
STANDARD ACROSS ALL VARIANTS

6 Airbags, ESC (Electronic Stability Control), VSM (Vehicle Stability Management), BAS (Brake Assist), HAC (Hill-start Assist Control), DBC (Downhill Brake Control), ABS (Anti-lock Brake System), All Wheel Disc Brakes, Highline Tyre Pressure Monitoring System, Rear Parking Sensors, ISOFIX Child Anchor, High Mount Stop Lamp with Emergency Stop Signal, All Seat 3-point Seat Belts with Reminder, Speed Sensing Door Lock and Impact Sensing Door Unlock

Kia Service
Connected · Adaptive · Responsive · Engage

3 Years Unlimited Km Warranty | Extended Warranty Up to 5 Years | My Convenience Plus Best-in-class Cost of Ownership^ | IoT Based Smart Services^^ | 24x7 | 3 Years Nationwide RSA**

Book Now | Call 1800 108 5000 | 093195 91407 | Look for "Kia India" @ | Visit www.kia.com/in | Book Kia Carens

T&C Apply. *Ex-showroom price all India. The product shown is for representation purpose only. Actual features, color and specifications as shown may not be part of standard fitment and may vary. The color shown is subject to availability and may not be available across all variants and may slightly differ from those shown in the ad. Class is defined as 3-row seater car with overall length less than 4 550 mm & height more than 1 680 mm. ^Computed cumulatively with all benefits from comprehensive coverage. ^^IOT based workshops for live vehicle tracking for digital experience.**RSA Coverage across India except Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep Visit your nearest Kia dealership for more details. #Kia Connect comes with 3-year free subscription. Amazon Alexa device is not a standard car accessory and the customer needs to purchase from a third party. Kia Connect skill features may vary depending on the variant, device compatibility, software and network availability both in the vehicle and Alexa device. Kia Connect skill is only available in India and can be interacted with in English and Hindi. Smartwatch and mobile phone are not provided with the vehicle. Kia India Pvt. Ltd. (Formerly known as Kia Motors India Pvt. Ltd.) reserves the right to make any changes with respect to the trims, colors, specifications and other details of any model as mentioned or to discontinue any model or to modify/discontinue any service without prior notice. Kia urges you to follow traffic rules, these are meant to keep you safe on roads. No liability accepted for errors and printing errors.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: BENGALURU: PPS KIA, MYSORE ROAD, PH: 6309990010, TAAPASI KIA, KALYAN NAGAR, PH: 8095537777, VST KIA, PALACE ROAD, PH: 9606988123, YESHWANTHPUR, PH: 9606988124, ADVAITH KIA, LALBAGH MAIN ROAD, PH: 9611006006, EPITOME KIA, WHITEFIELD: PH: 9606970216, YELAHANKA, PH: 7406343339, JSP KIA, HOSUR ROAD, PH: 9606011244, BELLANDUR, PH: 9071077717, NAARA KIA, J.P NAGAR, PH: 7406528200, MANGALORE: ARM KIA, PH: 9606013152, HUBLI: NAGSHANTI KIA, PH: 9148432469, BELGAUM: MIRACULUM KIA, PH: 08312439111, BELLARY: ATHENA KIA, PH: 6364922832, BIJAPUR: KUMAR KIA, PH: 080 45849192, DAVANGERE: JANSI KIA, PH: 9538018155, GULBARGA: KUMAR KIA, PH: 080 45849191, HASSAN: AADARSH KIA, PH: 9606034050, HOSPET: BHADRA KIA, PH: 7760888885, KUSHALNAGAR: ARM KIA, PH: 9606055314, KOLAR: EPITOME KIA, PH: 8951903224, MANDYA: AADARSH KIA, PH: 9606034070, MYSORE: AADARSH KIA, PH: 9606034060, SHIMOGA: JANSI KIA, PH: 9538416666, TUMKUR: PPS KIA, PH: 6303622210, UDUPI: ARM KIA, PH: 9606055296

INNOCEAN-078/22

SUNDAY
November 26, 2023

BENGALURU
CITY EDITION
30 Pages ₹ 8.00

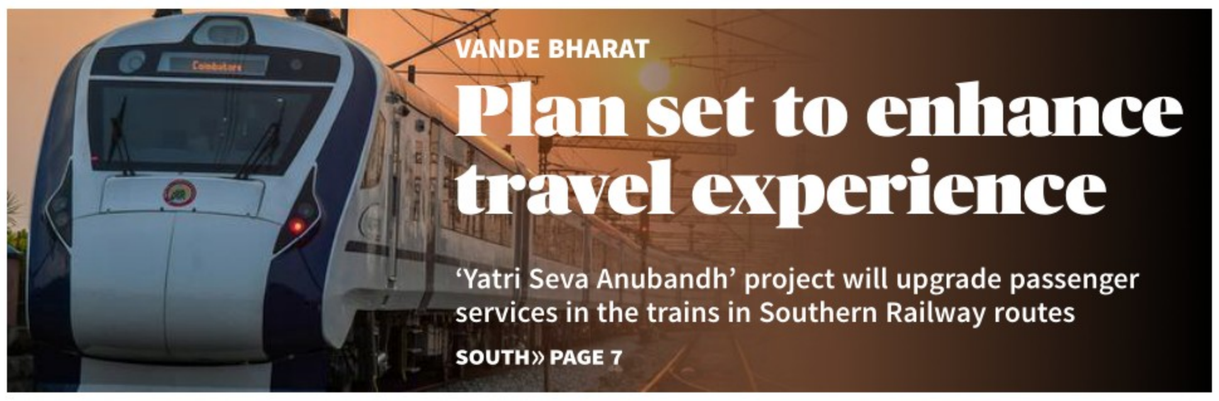
THE HINDU ON SUNDAY

INDIA'S NATIONAL NEWSPAPER SINCE 1878

www.thehindu.com
FOLLOW US
https://newsth.live/fb
https://newsth.live/x
https://newsth.live/ig

Vol. 54 • No. 48

Printed at » Chennai » Coimbatore » Bengaluru » Hyderabad » Madurai » Noida » Visakhapatnam » Thiruvananthapuram » Kochi » Vijayawada » Mangaluru » Tiruchirapalli » Kolkata » Hubballi » Mohali » Malappuram » Mumbai » Tirupati » Lucknow » Cuttack » Patna



VANDE BHARAT

Plan set to enhance travel experience

'Yatri Seva Anubandh' project will upgrade passenger services in the trains in Southern Railway routes

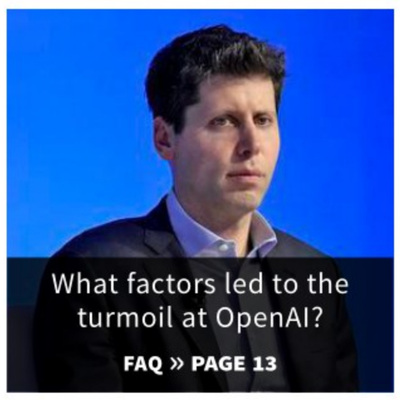
SOUTH» PAGE 7

4 killed in stampede at university fest in Kerala

SOUTH » PAGE 7

Argentina's President of chaos

PROFILES » PAGE 14



What factors led to the turmoil at OpenAI?

FAQ » PAGE 13

Rescue 'dangerous', may take a 'long time': NDMA

With the auger machine stuck, horizontal drilling has not proceeded in 48 hours; manual drilling mulled for last 10 metres; plasma cutter being brought in from Hyderabad to cut out stuck auger

Ishita Mishra
SILKYARA

Other option: Efforts being made to take the vertical drilling machine atop the mountain in Silkyara on Saturday. Narrow roads affected the machine's movement to the drilling site. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

Multiple hurdles are now delaying the rescue of 41 labourers, who have been trapped inside the Silkyara tunnel in Uttarkashi of Uttarakhand for two weeks now. With no sign of rescue in the next one or two days, the kin of the trapped workers are getting restless, even as Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami promised the workers that their safe evacuation was the government's "top priority".

For the past 48 hours, there has been no forward movement in the efforts to drill through the tunnel horizontally, as the auger drilling machine stopped working after it reached the 48-metre mark on Thursday, with its blades stuck in the debris, which is full of rocks and iron girders. A plasma cutter machine is being brought in from Hyderabad, likely by Sunday, to cut out the stuck auger.

The rescue teams then plan to manually drill through the last 10 metres of debris to reach the trapped workers, a "dangerous" process, which is likely to take a "long time", according to the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).

Vertical drilling 'risky'

Efforts to drill vertically through 86 metres of mountain have also been stalled, as the approach road to the drilling site is too narrow for the movement of the gigantic vertical drilling machine; the Border Roads Organisation is now working to widen the road.

However, officials also warn that vertical drilling is risky as it can cause vibrations in the already fragile mountain; they are mulling ways to do it cautiously.

NDMA member Lieutenant General Syed Ata Hasnain told journalists that there has been some breakage in the auger machine. "Advanced machinery is required to cut and remove the broken parts of the auger stuck inside the tunnel, and the assistance of the Indian Air Force is being sought to airlift this machinery," he said. After these stuck parts are cleared, the auger machine will be used only to push forward the 900 mm rescue pipe and not for the actual drilling, which means that the process will be slower than earlier, Mr. Hasnain said.

Workers at the rescue site warn that manual drilling is a herculean task, as the drilling will have to be done from within the cramped 900 mm pipe, with very little oxygen or space, and too much dust and debris.

CONTINUED ON
» PAGE 8

Rajasthan records 71.64% turnout in peaceful polling

The Hindu Bureau
JAIPUR

Day of mandate: People stand in a queue to cast their votes in the Rajasthan Assembly election in Jodhpur on Saturday. PTI

Rajasthan recorded a voter turnout of 71.64% in the Assembly election on Saturday with the ruling Congress and the Opposition BJP locking horns in a tightly contested campaign.

The polling passed off peacefully, barring stray incidents of clashes and violence mainly between supporters of the rival parties.

Voting took place across more than 51,000 polling stations in 199 of the 200 Assembly constituencies. The election in Karanpur was postponed following the death of Congress candidate Gurmeet Singh Kooner. The voters who arrived at the polling booths till 6 p.m. were allowed to cast their ballots till late in the evening.

The State had recorded a voter turnout of 74.06% in the 2018 Assembly election. The polling, which started at 7 a.m., was recorded at 71.64% till the closure of gates of polling booths at 6 p.m. The highest turnout of 87.79% was reported from Pokhran in Jaisalmer, followed by 85.15% in Tijara of Alwar and 83.5% in Bari of Dholpur. Among the districts, Jaisalmer recorded the highest of 82.37%, followed by Hanumangarh with 80.31% and Baran with 79.96%.

A scuffle broke out at a polling booth in Sardarshahar, where a municipal councillor's representative alleged that he was assaulted. A policeman and a person were injured in stone throwing at Sanwler village in Deeg district. The police fired 12 rounds in the air to disperse the crowd and detained six persons. Supporters of rival parties clashed outside a polling booth in Fatehpur of Sikar, and a police personnel was injured in the violence.

CONTINUED ON
» PAGE 8

NEARBY

Kantharaj disputes claim

BENGALURU
Stating that all the reports related to Socio-economic and Educational Survey had been handed over to the commission, former chairman H. Kantharaj on Saturday disputed claims that the original report has gone missing. » Page 6

Citizens struggle to get civic woes resolved

BENGALURU
It has been over three years since Bengaluru residents have been grappling without an elected body in the city's civic body — the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike. » Page 4

CLASSIFIEDS » PAGES J2 & 2
MAGAZINE » 8 PAGES

'Setback sure for Cong. in LS polls if report is accepted'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

All-India Veerashaiva Mahasabha president and veteran Congress MLA Shamanur Shivashankarappa on Saturday warned that the party would definitely face a setback in the Lok Sabha elections if the caste census report was accepted and released.

"The party will have to face a situation similar to what happened in the past during the Veerashaiva-Lingayat separate religion issue. We have been protesting because the caste census report is flawed. The contents of the report have already been leaked," he said. Citing flaws in the data collection process, Mr. Shivashankarappa demanded a thorough review of the report. "The survey was inadequately conducted and the report was drafted in a manner that under-represented our community. There are many flaws in the data collected. The survey was not done at houses belonging to our community. If the Congress government accepts the report despite our protest, it will face a setback for sure in the coming polls," he said, targeting his own party.

CONTINUED ON
» PAGE 4

From coast to the capital, Kambala makes a splash

Nalme Nachiyar
BENGALURU

Kambala under way at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru on Saturday. K. MURALI KUMAR

The cries of "*Bengaluru Kambala, Namma Kambala*" rent the air as scores of colourfully decked buffaloes and their athletic jockeys took to the *jodu kare* or double slush tracks, marking the beginning of the Bengaluru Kambala at the Palace Grounds in the city on Saturday.

The two-day event is the first-ever Kambala (slush track buffalo race) to be held in the State capital. The unique traditional sport from the coastal region of Karnataka captured pan-India imagination through Rishab Shetty's 2022 blockbuster film, *Kantara*.

The current edition in Bengaluru is part of the effort to popularise it among the urban population and promoted it for breed conservation of the Indian buffalo.

On Saturday, blanketed by overcast skies, over 180 pairs of buffaloes and their jockeys began participation across six categories – *negilu hiriya, negilu kiriya, hagga hiriya, hagga kiriya, adda halage* and *kane halage* – in the mega event witnessed by lakhs of spectators.

The first five categories are contests of speed: the pair of buffaloes that runs the fastest, wins. The last category, *kane halage*, is a display of force.

The competing teams must splash water on the banners tied at a height of 7.5 ft and 6.5 ft at different points in the track.

The higher the buffaloes spray water while they run, the greater their chances of winning.

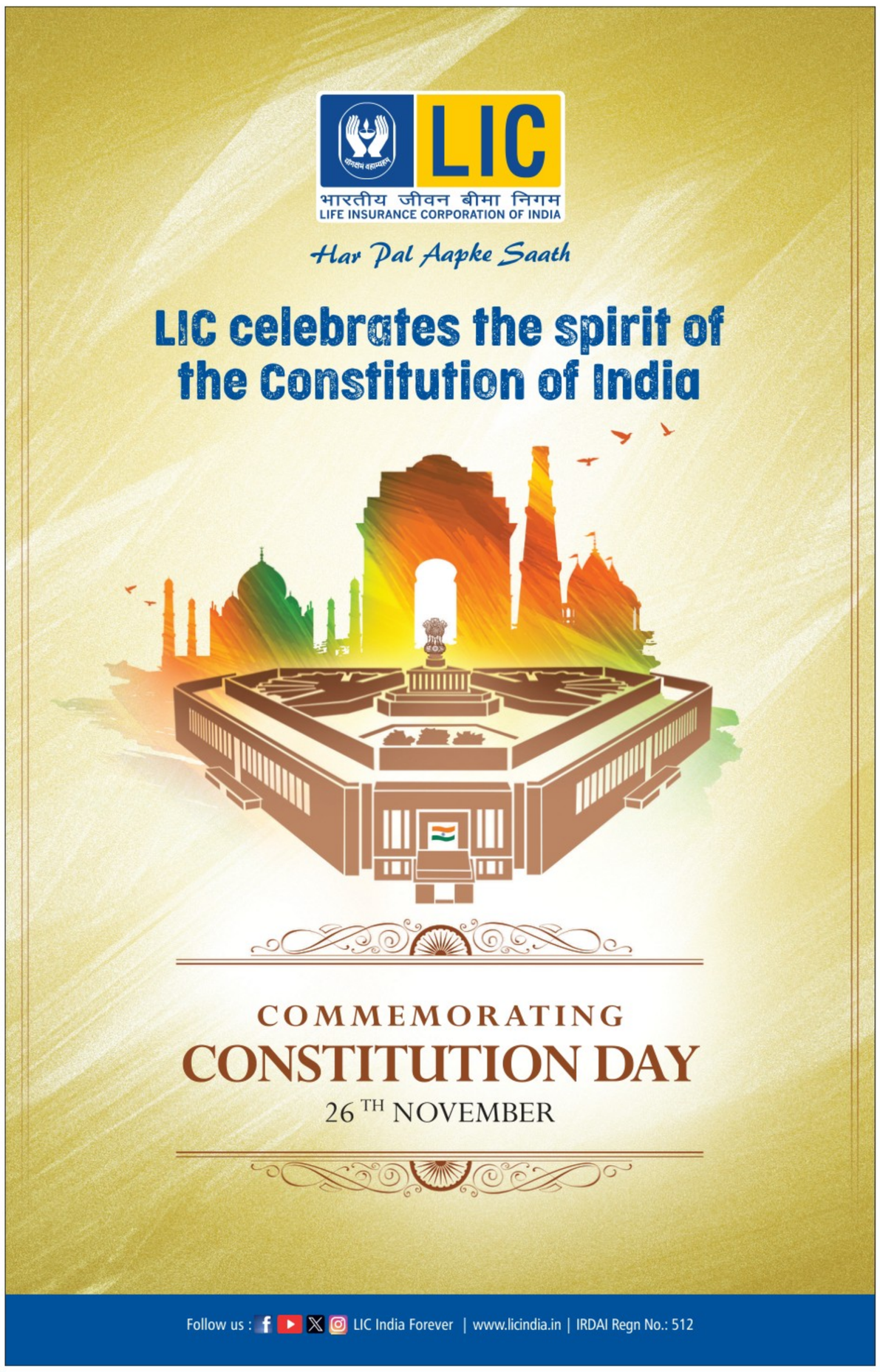
This is also the first competitive Kambala to have the longest track at 155 metres as against the usual length of 145-147 metres.

The animals were transported in lorries from several taluks of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi district, and Kasaragod, traversing more than 300 km along the lush Western Ghats to the IT city, accompanied by owners, runners, caretakers and helpers. To ensure no harm befalls the animals, each team also brought drums filled with 300 litres water from the wells of Karavali for drinking and bathing.

Agrarian roots

Kambala is a traditional, folk sport born of the agrarian practices of the coastal Karnataka region. The word Kambala comes from *'gampa kala'*, where *gampa* refers to wet mud or slush. A vast slushy paddy field was called a *kambala gadde*, and held huge significance among the people of Tulu Nadu where historically paddy lands were a source of prestige as well as the only means of income.

CONTINUED ON
» PAGE 2



In unison: Migrants from Bihar offer prayers to the sun during Chhath Puja celebrations in Jalandhar, Punjab. Offerings are made to sun at sunset and during sunrise the next day.. AFP

In tune with nature: Devotees perform rituals during the festival at Galta Ji temple Kund, in Jaipur, Rajasthan. There are no priests for this puja and there are no mantras involved. PTI

Holy cleansing: Women take a dip in the Yamuna river in Uttar Pradesh on a festival day. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Chhath and the migrant

During the festival, the revellers create mini-Bihars across the country, spreading the rich cultural and spiritual heritage of the State

Bholanath Kumar, a migrant worker from Chhapra in Bihar, drives an autorickshaw in Delhi and lives with his family in a densely populated colony of east Delhi. He and his family never missed the Chhath Puja celebrations since they shifted to the city in search of a job.

Earlier, it used to end with a dip in the Yamuna, though a white polluting foam troubled them. Later, with more people from Bihar and neighbouring States settling in their neighbourood, associations of migrants from Bihar started providing "better" arrangements such an artificial ponds.

Government data, citing the 2011 census, say there are about 15 lakh migrant workers from Bihar and Jharkhand in various parts of the country. Wherever they are, they play the folk songs of Vindhyavasini Devi and Sharda Sinha and make it sure that the identity of a Bihari is on full display during those four days of Chhath. Be it Delhi or London, they will express their gratitude to nature during this festival for daughters and sons. Researchers say that the number of migrants is a massive underestimate. Amrita Datta, who teaches at the IIT, Hyderabad, has tracked the patterns of migration from Bihar keenly. According to surveys she did in the State, the percentage of households with at least one migrant member increased from 45% in 1999 to 62.1% in 2011 to 64.9% in 2016.

Text by A. M. Jigeesh

Harmonious rituals: Devotees offer prayers to the setting sun on the banks of the Hooghly river in Kolkata. The festival transcends the barriers of religion, caste and gender. ANI

Spirit of heritage: Chhath Puja rituals taking place at the Sanjay Lake near Lakshmibai Nagar in New Delhi. The basket, winnows and puja materials are made of bamboo and decorated with marigold. R.V. MOORTHY

Classifieds

thehinduads.com

LIFE MADE SIMPLE

THE HINDU

Matrimonial

BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER

BRIDEGROOMS WANTED

BENGALI

ATTRACTIVE EAST Bengal Kayastha bride, 34+, 5'3", B.Ed., MJMC, 3D, Animation, Gaming qualified, working at a reputed Hyderabad MNC, seeks educated groom not exceeding 38 years preferably working in Hyderabad from Bengali Kayastha, Brahmin, or Baidya family. Bride's parents reside in Kolkata. No matrimonial agencies, please. Mobile and Whatsapp: +91 7595093705

BUSINESS

GROOM WANTED
28 yrs, Gowda Vokkaliga Naidu bride PG from Abroad. Business family. Seeking well educated. Well settled Equal community Affluent groom.
93459 19515

COSMOPOLITAN

CSI CHRISTIAN Nadar 28/172 cm MSc MPhil Ph.D. Research Scholar, well settled Christian family seeks suitable educated groom contact: 9884068094 email: ezhiljohnson1959@gmail.com

DIVORCEE

LOOKING FOR a suitable issueless Christian bridegroom for a adi dravidar –divorced girl having no kids age 30, ht 160 cm . Ct.93604 26069.

WANTED A suitable groom for Doctor girl 32 yrs working in PSU/ Govt living with 6 yrs son Ph 8810389784

GROOM WANTED
28 yrs, Mudaliar bride. Divorcee without issue. M.Arch, Business, Affluent Bride. Seeking well educated, well settled Affluent Groom
93617 07484

DOCTOR

SOUTH–BASED AFFLUENT Christian family invites alliances for their daughter age 27 Post–Graduate Doctor. Suitable alliances from Christian Groom–PG Doctor contact: drajan3809@gmail.com/8920762703

1994 BORN doctor doing Neurology Residency in New York seeks South Indian non–veg Doctor groom residing in USA. email:psivakum@umich.edu & SMS: 7200035180

GROOM WANTED CNB, 27yrs, MBBS, MD, Elite Business Family, Need Only Doctors. Cont: 9710093999/ 8939691888

GROOM WANTED
Reputed Reddy Family in Chennai Invites Alliance for Daughter 32/165, Doctor MBBS, MS, Looking for Tall Educated Groom from affluent family CNB.
Call: 89256 40111

HINDU NADAR, 29/160, Good looking MBBS, MD (Anesthesiology) Works in Mumbai till April 2024 from Upper class,Traditional Values native Tuticorin settled in Chennai seeks suitable Groom with Clean Habits preferably MBBS MD/MS, Higher Official, Own Business, Traditional Good Family Background. 9043144698,9443734698

ENGINEER

HINDU CHETTIAR Girl, 29/163, Engineer MS, MBA, Comfortably Placed In MNC, Newyork State, USA. Looking For Well Qualified Engineers/ Doctors Working In USA Or Willing To Migrate To USA. Can Sponsor Spouse. Caste No Bar. Mob: 9567095896

IAS / ALLIED SERVICES

HINDU ONLY daughter 26 years, innocent divorcee no child very affluent. Only IAS, IPS, IFS, IRS, IFOS OR well established Business person. First marriage/ innocent divorcee/ widower without any encumbrance below the age of 32 years. Only Hindu can apply with photos/ details only on email id mohanvishnu2792@gmail.com

MALAYALAM

RCLC KERALITE girl 28/165 B.Sc Central Govt. employee in Chennai seeks alliance from well settled boys 9446097763

SEEKING ALLIANCE for Nair girl, 39, Uthram, Ph.D, Associate Professor at a UK University, never married Contact email id: krishnakumarak@yahoo.com or rajeswarikrishnan2002@gmail.com

TAMIL

CSI CHRISTIAN. 25yrs, BDS, Seeks Born-again, Suitable Groom. MDS, MD, ME. UK Preferred.Ct:9790792378

CHRISTIAN NADAR. 25Y MBBS, Dr. 60k/ pmSeeks. Dr. Eng, Govt. Good Family Back Ground by Cathrin: 7397776597

VANNIYAR B.TECH MBA, 28, Bharani, Mesham, employed seeks well educated working or business family groom. Same community or from Hindu community. Caste No bar. Ct: 9840447199

TAMIL/CHRISTIAN/ RC/SC/AD,25YR,BE, MBA(UK) wkg in London seeks Tamil/ RC/SC groom wkg in UK of age 27–30, 7305762009, asp26498@gmail.com

RC NADAR, 34/174cm, B.COM, MBA, 30 Lacs p/A, Divorcee. Seeks Suitable Groom. Cont: 9380791999/ 9047192999

GOD FEARING Nadar Family Invites proposal for their daughter MBA; beautiful employed in a Corporate Company drawing good salary and getting lakhs of monthly rental income from the share of her family property; from very well to do Parents, the son should be well educated Contact. 9840101011

HINDU NADAR, 26/165cm, B.Tech, MBA/ IIM,1.5lakhs/pm, Seeks Suitable Groom Contact: 9380791999/ 9047192999

EMPLOYED QUALIFIED bridegrooms is wanted for SC/AD/MSC/DB 1983/ Vishakam ,Dhulam bride 9498313625

HINDU, MUDALIYAR 25y / 158cm /kannada / Tamil/Mca lecturer/divorcee seeks well settled, clean habits boy with very good family background (CNB) CT.9036778054

GROOM WANTED Rich Gounder, 31yrs, M.Arch, Elite Business Family in Chennai, CNB Ct: 9710093999/ 8939691888

SC (AD), 24yrs, BE, Well Educated Family Background. Seeks Suitable Groom Contact: 9710093999/ 8939691888

GROOM WANTED Hindu Nadar BE, 30/ 165, 50000, Divorcee, Caste No Bar, KA Raman Nadar 9380791999/ 9047192999

SC ADIDRAVIDA Divorced No Child, Age 38 BE EEE Wkg in MNC .Well settled. Seeks Suitable Groom. 9940347310

HINDU NADAR 29yrs 156cm MBBS, MD (Divorce) seeks Dr./ Er./ Any Govt Officer in Chennai. Ct: 8939005008

HINDU VALLUVAN 33/167 BE MBA SWE/ Bank Swathi Chennai, seeks suitable groom, Caste No Bar. Ct: 9444053003

AGAMUDI MUDALIAR Elite Family 32/ 165 Mirugasim, Raghu in Lagnam PG (HR MNC) Seeks IIM/PG Groom. 9176780777

PILLAI 29 5.4" MBBS MS Chennai seeks PG Dr /Business Groom Chennai : Geetham 9884858014

SEEKING EMPLOYED Groom below 36 years from Elite Family for Divorced 31 years Employed Bride BE & MBA Fair & Homely from SC AD Hindu Elite Family. Cast No Bar. 9483542477

HINDU VELLALAR Pillai/ Mudaliar Barani Mesham 35Yrs MD (Paed.), Govt Doctor seeks suitable groom age-36 to 39yrs. Cont:9944227062

SAIVA PILLAI 25/168 Uthiratathi CA / BIG 4 Seeks professionally qualified groom from same sect. 94873 17823

HINDU/SC.AD, 27/5'2" MCA, TA @ Infosys, 10L/p.a. Simmam/Magam. Same Caste Groom from Chennai. 9840365908

PILLAI / MUDALIAR, 34, MD, Well Settled family seeks Groom aged 34-36 yrs, Engineer/ Business/ Doctor. Contact: 93458 55735

MUDALIAR, 28YRS/165 Cm, Fair & Good Looking, MBBS, MD, (Paed), working in Hospital, Affluent & Well settled Family Seeks Groom PG Doctors/ Business/ Engrs, Contact: What's app no. 8778514465/ call 7200866346

TAMIL

SC 29/167 M.Tech SRM Engineer girl now @ Bangalore TCS Seeks Govt or private job Native North T.N. 9442477699, Email: jsdco2012@gmail.com

SAIVA PILLAI 32Yrs 165Cms Tiruvathirai B.Tech MBA MNC Seeks Qlfd Well Employed & Never Married Grooms 33–35Yrs Earning Rs 20Lacs PA & Above Ct: 9643003640 / 044–48041602

HINDU NADAR Bride, 47yrs, 162 cms, M.C.A., M.Phil., Self Employed, Never Married, Good Looking, seeks Educated and well settled Chennai based Groom. Caste No Bar. Ct. 9840117920.

VANNIYA KULA Kshatriyar, 24/5.2, BArch, Star – Karthigai, Rishaba Rasi, Working in Chennai. Seeks Suitable & Qualified Groom. Ph: 9840926156

TAMIL / MALAYALAM Muslim groom wanted for 26, IIMK MBA MNC decent package Banglore .7904844670

MUDALIAR 25/165, Fair, Beautiful, MBBS, Doing PG, Father Dean, Elite Family, CNB. 9043991629, 9043987029

HINDU SC AD 30yrs Rohini Rishabam B.E MBA HR, MNC, Chennai, Seeks Well Educated, Employed Groom below 34 yrs . Ph; 80561 05645, 94450 03943

RICH NAIDU, 28yrs, BE, MEM (US), Elite Business Family. Seeks Suitable Groom Contact: 9962791888

SC AD 25 / M.Tech.,Sr.Engr. [TATA Elxsi] 60,000p.m.Seeking Bride Groom. Ph:9444993417 Whatsapp:7397674481

RICH MUDALIYAR, 24yrs, B.Tech, Ms (US), Elite Business Family.Seeks Suitable Groom: 9710093999/ 8939691888

SOZHIA VELLALAR Fair Slim Girl 25/ 167 BE Employed in Big Four,13 LPA Seeks Professional Groom from Tamil Family. Ct: 9025400750/ 9787771136

DHANUSU RASI 29/164 SC Bride Dr MD., Fair& Slim TN, seeks suitable MD/MS/PG Doctor Groom Ct: 9443647866

CHETTIAR (CNB): 25/ V. Fair, BE, MS (UK), Data Scientist, London (UK), Elite Family, Seeks groom Any Abroad / Business – 8939012419

MUDALIAR (CNB): 25/Fair, B.E, MS (USA), Running own Industry, Chennai, Elite Family, Seeks groom Business / Doctor/ Eng – 8925019776

YADAVA HINDU, Thiruvadhirai 24/168 M.Tech, IIT(H) Working as Research Associate in Biotech Company. Looking For Suitable Alliance from Same Community. Contact:98414 49116

WANTED US based Iyer / Iyengar Groom for Girl aged 33 years from Garga Gothram working in California on H1B Visa. Contact : 9790701836

YADHAVA,Aswini, 26/170cm, B.Tech working in Canara Bank as Officer seeks suitable Groom fromTN, Tamil / Telugu/Subsect no bar.Ct: 9952949685

Hindu Adidravida Hastham 28/156cm BE MNC16L Pa seeks suitable alliance from Govt, PSU, IT. Ct: 94441 55781

HINDU TAMIL Mudaliar Chennai Girl Working in California US, H1B Visa / 32 / 171 / 63 / Divorcee / No kids / Non Veg, Seeks suitable Non Brahmin Groom working in US up to 37 years Contact 944490069.

WANTED GROOM with higher professional qualification, good character and habits for our daughter, Chartered Accountant, aged 26, Vaniya Chettiar, beautiful and softspoken, working in MNC in chennai. Her hobbies are bharata natyam, dance and violin. Caste no bar. Prefer Hindu, FC/BC and non vegetarian. You may, please, contact Phone / Whatsapp : 94445 87465.

HINDU NADAR, 29/160, Good looking MBBS, MD (Anesthesiology) Works in Mumbai till April 2024 from Upper class,Traditional Values native Tuticorin settled in Chennai seeks suitable Groom with Clean Habits preferably MBBS MD/MS, Higher Official, Own Business, Traditional Good Family Background. 9043144698,9443734698

TELUGU

NAIDU CHENNAI 31/5'5 Sadhyam Kumbham BE,Good looking girl for remarriage short lived,Seeks Groom from India/Abroad,CNB 8056093838, 9500009694

BALIJA GIRL 25 yrs 5ft 5inch BE/ MBA very fair beautiful owning biz wants smart tall fair engineer groom within TN. Contact Parent 9940685409

BRIDES WANTED

COSMOPOLITAN

ADIDRAVIDAR, DENTIST 39, 5'8", seeking educated bride ,33 years & below (tamil, malayalam, kannada, hindi, marathi), caste no bar mob: 9004961354.

QUALIFIED GIRL for smart boy 29yrs, UG & PG from UK, working in Paris as sales head, with flexibility to relocate, modern & affluent family. Keralite Parents (Nair – Christian) are senior professionals from Pune. Phone 7387081348/ 9637133636

KARKATHAR PILLAI 35, 5ft 7inch, fair and handsome, BE (Telecom), Officer Indian Army IT Branch, 30 lacs PA, son of retd army officer looking for affable and well educated girl. Equal and sub caste no bar. 9448307862.

DIVORCEE

VANNIYAR KULA SHAKTHRIYAR Boy 36yrs Punarpoosam /Kadagam B.Sc., Nautical, Second Officer in Cargo Ship, 18 Lpa, Leagally Divorced, No Issues. Seeks Educated Bride from Cultured Family. SC /ST & Brokers Excuse. Ct: 9444911825

DOCTOR

DR. BRIDE WANTED
MUDALIAR 29 yrs / 180 cm/ 52 kg / Teetotaler doing D.M. Nephrology / Ayilyam / seeks well settled Doctor Bride doing PG/SS in Mudaliar or SUBSECTS.
CT 9443244060

DOCTOR DM interventional Radiology NHS UK 36/178 B'lore Tamil seeks MD/DM Bride Caste & Language No bar, send BHP, Ct: 9448619574 ponnjayanthi@gmail.com

ENGINEER

EZHAVA BOY, 29, B.E, MBA, Makam, Chennai, Hindu, Ezhava. Bride: 22–24 years. Ph: 9789894836.

GUJARATI

CHENNAI BASED CA Brahmin Boy 32 invites alliance from working girl. Mob – 8758782911

TAMIL

SC 33/172 Doctor fair Vellore seeks doctor girl to look hospital own, caste no bar, Native North T.N 9442477699, Email: jsdco2012@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN NADAR, Doctor, Divorcee 35yrs/178cm, MBBS, Dip in Cardiology better earning lives in Nagercoil seeks qualified/ Divorced Bride. 9003983230

REMARRIAGE SENGUNTHAR 39 / 165 BE, SWE, MNC Poosam, Seeking Good Looking Girl 155cm Educated. 9443943012

M.TECH 39YRS, Asst. Prof in deemed University,Seeks Alliance from a Graduate bride.Cast no bar. 9444388976

CHETTIYAR, 29YRS, BE, 2Lakhs per month, IT Engineer.Seeks Suitable Bride Contact: 9710093999/ 8939691888

SOZHIA Vellalar Only son 25/174 cm SWE 12Lac p.a,Fair Good Looking Affluent family seeks Bride.99655-38166.

GAVARA NAIDU, 39/180, Uthiradam, Maharam,B.E.,M.S(Engg.), Chief Engr. MNC Chennai, 15L PA, First marriage seeks Naidu Bride. Ct: 9487272897

SC AD 35, BE MBA(IIM), 170cms, MNC, 1.6L per month. Mutually divorced. Doctor parents. Well settled. Looking for bride 27–32 yrs. CNB. Divorced or Unmarried. Ph–+91–9444411603

TAMIL

MUDALIAR 26/173CM B.E(CS). M. Sc(Ireland) DevOps Engineer, Working in Ireland,looking for Bride 8056123202

AGE 35 Handsome, Comfortable Groom needs VIP Girl and first Marriage, Remarriage, Divorce. Ct: 9600240593

HINDU NADAR 50 divorcee affluent respectable Computer Engineer Singapore five lakhs per month. Seeks suitable unmarried issueless widow / divorcee same caste below 45. Contact 93810 29460 / 7550032006

BRIDE WANTED Rich Mudhaliyar 27yrs B.Tech MS(US) Well Educated Family Working in US.9710093999/8939691888

HINDU NADAR, 30/175, BE, 300000, Seeks Suitable Bride Ct: KA Raman Nadar 9380791999/ 9047192999

SC AD, 27/ M.Tech/ Engineer/ DLF 70,000.pm, Chennai, Seeks suitable bride. Ct: 8939177665

NAIDU– CASTE No Bar– 25Y – BE,MBA Fair– 6 Lak / PA. Seeks Suitable Girl Normal Family Ok. Ct : 7358638363

NANJIL VELLALAR Pillai, 44/169, M.Tech TCS, Chennai, 22.70L/pa, Anusham, seeks suitable bride. 9940286982

VELLALAR/ SUBSECTS 27 years B.com BL.14 Lacs MNC Chennai Minimum Graduate Veg/Non Veg Contact:7358200722

NAIDU,43 SLIM, job TNEB, 1st marriage, Veg, middle Class. Seeks Any BC and 2nd Married ok. 9597364892.

HINDU SC–AD 57yr unmarried C.Govt emp chn seeks unmarried matches below 45.Ct 9840990772

MUDALIAR 30/172, Handsome, MBBS, MD, Own Hospital, 3000000.PA, Elite Family, CNB. 9043991629, 9043987029

NAIDU 1994 born 186 cm BE MBA. Pilot with Indigo seeks fair educated Bride. Ct: 95000 57987, 74284 47958

RC NADAR Boy 29/180 MS working @ USA. H1B, KK Dist Seeks Bride ME/ MS Working at India or USA: 7373627729

AGAMUDAYAR (DEVAR/ Mudaliyar), 40, MBA, IT, Teetotaller, Divorcee, No Children's, without any expectations. Seeks Bride, Degree, Married/ UnMarried / Widow, without children's, age below 35.Ct: 94442 61735

HINDU KONGU Vellala Gounder 37/183 Sadayam, B.Sc, MBA Job, Business 30L PA. Working Chennai Upper Middle Class. Suitable Girl any Degree,any Caste in B.C.Whatsapp: 9360323979

WANTED A friendly, cheerful bride for a issueless Divorcee December 1988 star –Magam 170cm Own business Monthly income 4 Lacs ct: 9444034460

TAMIL RC, 29, 180 cm, B.E., M.S., working in Sweden. Seeking suitable alliance from qualified working professional with similar background. Ct: 9923884686

VANNIYAKULA KSHATRIYA ,Age 32, Uthiram ,BE – 2 Lakhs/ month Working @ Hyderabad, Caste No Bar 9840306926

TELUGU

SOUTH INDIAN BRAHMIN BRIDE WANTED
Suitable match for IYER boy (31+ years, 180 cm, fair, B.E. Haritha gothram, Vadama, Moolam) working in Singapore for MNC. Family well-settled in Singapore.
Prefer SOUTH INDIAN BRAHMIN GIRL (subsect / region no bar; age around 24-28, fair, graduate, vegetarian and good family background).
WhatsApp details to +65-9154-7135

TAMIL

VADAMA SANKRITI Mrigasreesham Mithunam 48 unmarried seeks vegetarian employed Tamil Brahmin girl. srinivas.araman59@gmail.com

Bride Wanted Non-Srivatsa for Uttrattadhi 4, 22/12/1993 Melbourne AEDT/62Kgs/172cm. Tamil Speaking Kerala Iyer, Pure Vegetarian, teetotaler. CA, Tax Accountant > 7 yrs AUD 100K. Speaks English, Tamil, Kannada. Bright. 1 Older sister married: South Indian NOT career minded, but Family Oriented Vegetarian, teetotaller, Bright Fair looking born 1995-2000, 4'10" to 5'6", less than 65Kgs in or prepared to relocate. Job optional. Any education but not professionals. Email: hhiyer@hotmail.com whatsapp +61 478 392 541

TAMIL HINDU (BC). MBA . Age – 40. Unmarried. Fair. Pvt Job. no bad habits. I Full Willing to be a GOOD HOUSE GROOM, GOOD SON in a BRIDE HOME . I will take care of my Future Wife like my Mother. Suppose If it is a business family, I am ready to support & Honest it and take care of it..Divorce Widow Accepted. (Caste & Religion no bar). Pls Avoid brokers. Kannan : 91235 – 89257

✔ **PILLAI(KARUNEEGAR), DOB:24–01–92, BE, Veg, Job: MNC (Software) Chennai, Annual Income: 25 lakhs. Seeking a suitable bride from the same or any other community. Ph: 9841784047 Email: pingme.arul@gmail.com.**

AGE 37 Height 5.10 Punarpoosam. Pillai Mudaliyar MCA SW MNC Bangalore Salary 3L P.M Wanted degree holder Bride 9176245009 / 8143351235

ALLIANCE INVITED for Tamil Brahmin Boy, 30, Srivatsa Gothram, Working in US,SFO from Professionally Qualified Girls. CT: sk2023uma@gmail.com , Whatsapp: +919840567668.

BE, BRAHMIN, Bharatwaja, Magam, 1973, differently abled, Chennai, seeks likeminded bride. 9884473503

HINDU NADAR, 29yrs /178cm, BE MBA, 33 LPA in MNC, Chennai, Well Educated Affluent Family, Seeking Well Educated Employed Bride From a Similar Family Background. Ct: 9841054900

ELITE MUDALIYAR, 34yrs, MBBS, MS, Well Educated Family. Seeks Suitable Bride Cont: 9710093999/ 8939691888

TAMIL

Soliza Valalar Fair 34/168 BE, MSc Applied Behaviour Analyst Corporate Company Bangalore seeking Fair Girl from Good Family. Raghu Dosa Makara Rasi, Utthradam, Parikara Chevvai 8807544907. caste no bar

Hindu (MBC/ Kulala) 34Yrs I 170cms M.com. Govt. Aided College Employed in Erode. Seeks Degree Qualified Girl. Sub Caste No Bar. Mobile no. 9444958670.

Hindu SC AD BE 190cm Kumbam Pooratathy Officer in LIC Chennai Contact: 9790926148.

Saiva Pillai 28/180 Research Scientist Bangalore seeks Saiva Pillai/ Mudaliar Educated Employed Bride. Contact: 8220445782.

AGE 33, SC, 5'6" Mesham, fair, BE Civil working in foreign as Architect seeks Bride watsapp 7868824365

TELUGU

WANTED BRIDE, Caste no bar/ Nadar / M.Sc. / C.Govt / PGT / 80000 pm / 39yrs / 170 Ph: 9494003635

KAMBALATHU NAICKER Widower Age 50 Above Upper Middle Class Family Looking for Suitable Brides No Issues Age 40 to 45yrs. Telugu Naidu or Any caste. 6369477159.

Balija 29/175 Barani, B.Tech, IT - Engr Entrepreneur 14Lac Pa seeks qualified Bride. Sub-sect no bar. Ct:9940541092 Email: srgeetha@live.com (Send BHP)

BALIJA Naidu, 29/173cm Viruchigam, Kettai B.E, MBA HR-Associate, US Co. working in chennai seeks good looking Qualified Bride Ct: 98408 82910

URDU

MUSLIM HANAFI, TCS-software consultant, 84k, 31/180 cm seeks suitable bride. Ct: 9710920266.

SMU Chennai Based, 32/168cm, B.E. MBA, well settled family seeks Educated Bride for their son. Ct: 8122989086

MARRIAGE BUREAU

US UK Canada All Caste Religion 1st Marriage Remarriage. Ct:8248757840

DOCTORS (ALL Caste & Hindu, Christians, Muslims) Since 2007. www.tamilagadoctorsmatrimony.com: 7824023030

EliteMatrimony.com
Exclusive matchmaking service for the elite from Matrimony.com Group

ELITE BRIDES WANTED

BRAHMIN-IYENGAR, 29, 183 cms, Businessman, BE. Lives in Chennai. Father is a CA. Family is financially well off. Looking for a like minded match. Contact: 6366448343

BRAHMIN MADHWA, 29, 183 cms, Employed, BE. Lives in Chennai. Parents are Entrepreneurs. Family is financially well off. Looking for an affable match. Contact: 6366448344

GOUNDER, 33, 185 cms, Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, MA Economics. Lives in Hyderabad. Father is a retired District forest officer in TN. Family is financially well off. Looking for a suitable match. Contact: 6366448343

REDDY, 29, 185 cms, Working Professional, MBBS. Lives in Chennai. Parents are Working Professional. Looking for an amiable match. Contact: 6366448344

PARVATHA RAJAKULAM, 26, 170 cms, Businessman, BE. Lives in Chennai. Parents are Entrepreneurs. Family is affluent. Looking for a suitable match. Contact: 6366448344

ELITE GROOMS WANTED

BRAHMIN-IYER, 31, 170 cms, Working Professional, MBA. Lives in Germany. Father is a Finance Director. Family is affluent. Looking for a like minded match. Contact: 6366448343

PILLAI, 23, 168 cms, Employed, BE. Lives in Chennai. Parents are Working Professional. Family is financially well off. Looking for an amiable match. Contact: 6366448344

VELLALAR, 30, 165 cms, Employed, MBA. Lives in Chennai. Parents are Entrepreneurs. Family is financially well off. Looking for a like minded match. Contact: 6366448344

VISHWAKARMA, 25, 157 cms, Network Manager, B.Arch. Lives in Chennai. Father is a Businessman. Family is financially well off. Looking for an amiable match. Contact: 6366448343

YADAV, 25, 168 cms, Software Professional, BE. Lives in Chennai. Father is a Businessman. Family is financially well off. Looking for a suitable match. Contact: 6366448343

Call for Free Consultation ✆ 99629 76000

DIVORCEE

AGE 58 second divorcee 6 Lakh PA income, seeking issueless bride. No expectations .suitable alliance are invited. Ct.82204 47993

PSU BANK Manager.Tamil Reddy, Handsome. 36/5.10. Income 1.8 Lacs PM. Seeks fair and equally placed girl. Caste No Bar. Ct. 63830 33705.

SEEKING ISSUELESS bride for a Tamil – Hindu second divorcee age 58. Income 6 Lakh PA. No expectations. Caste No bar.Ct.88387 44120.

DOCTOR

Hindu AD, 28/165cm, M.D. Anesthesia well settled in Chennai Seeks Doctor Bride. Caste No Bar. Ct: 94442 18149 E-mail:- mrrson@gmail.com

TELUGU

wanted elite groom
Hindu Gavara Naidu Girl, 24yrs, 164cm, Slim, Fair, BE., doing MBA and working in MNC in Chennai Looking Groom from Affluent Family with good values.
Ct: 93667 50524

URDU

GULF BORN Girl – US B1B2 Visa Holder – BSC psychology from Effat University – Jeddah invite alliance for their daughter 23 years, fair 5ft 4inch Height. Looking for boy Age 26 to 29 with professional Masters Degree settled in US / Canada. Mob: 8790675293

HINDI

1985/175CM, 50 Lakhs PA, Never Married, Bangalore. WhatsApp: 96290 12248

MALAYALAM

MUSLIM BOY good salaried 31y, M.tech seeking alliance from girls 25 and above. Interested to stay or work in Bangalore. Ph No: 9786509095.

SEEKING ALLIANCE for Nair boy, 39, Uthram, Ph.D, Assistant Professor at a UK University, never married Contact - email id: krishnakumarak@yahoo.com or rajeswarikrishnan2002@gmail.com

REMARRIAGE FOR handsome Kerala Brahmin Boy,Clean habits, Issueless divorce 37/168 Cm MCA, MA. Music, SWE in MNC Cochin. S/o retd govt employees. Seeks alliance from any Brahmin educated girls. 9349731952

TAMIL

ALLIANCE INVITED from Muslim Widow or Divorcy without Child around Age 40––45 for Muslim Widower by Businessman Age 57 Income 50,000 permonth having Son Age 16 Ct: 9443011354

WE ARE looking for an alliance for our son, residing in Bangalore, height (5ft 7inch), (B.Tech) graduate, working in an MNC, DOB 15.11. 1991. Avittam, Bharadwaja gotharam, Brahmin Iyer. The bride should hail from a decent, educated family. Brahmin Iyer, age difference up to 5 years, preferably working in Bangalore. Contact with (Astrological) details mobile No. 9449048076 or Email to sivauma4@hotmail.com

RC CHRISTIAN Boy, 34/172 cms, BE, Business in Coimbatore, seeks alliance from well educated girls, preferably MBBS,from any christian denomination in Kerala & Tamilnadu. 75980-36841

RC CHRISTIAN, 41yrs/170, B.E. Software engineer, Chennai, never married, caste nobar, CT–9500188067

RC MALE 54/165. Post Graduate, Legally divorced, Business. Inviting proposals from qualified suitable alliance. Mob–88913 79459

TAMIL

BRIDE WANTED, SC(AD), 31yrs, ME, Working in MNC, 2.5L/pm,Well Educated Background. 9710093999/ 8939691888

NAIDU 43 BE/MBA Divorce Software Unmaried/Divorce Widow Bride without child BC,MBC 9841520881/ 9841402164

MUDALIAR, PHD, College Professor, 50,Magaram, Seeks Educated Unmarried,Widow,Divorcee(age 40–45), FC/ OBC, No Expectation Contact: 9150799959

Hindu Naicker 45, BBA., Own Business, CNB seeks bride widow/divorcee with child. CT:89037-12843.

AGE 75,RTD Intelligence officer, Currently realty business, widower, children away,healthy active seeking companion, with English knowledge, good health, encumbrance free, CNB call 94455 32961

DIVORCEE REVATHY 38/186 B.E. M.B.A Sr. Manager Fair Iyer Boy Seeks Graduate Brahmin / Veg Girl 9176090042

TAMIL MUSLIM 29yrs/176cm handsome SW Engr.in USA– MS– CS (Houston–USA) well settled, Educated Family in Chennai, seeks suitable bride– Fair, Tall (5'4"–5'9"), age(24–27yrs), working / Studying in USA or willing move to USA from a decent, Educated, Tamil Muslim Family. Ct: Whatsapp 9444149649 with biodata & Photo.

WANTED BRIDE
TAMIL BRAHMIN IYER
51/180cm/own business since 1995/12L, divorcee looking for Hindu bride (Brahmin preferred) caste no bar, Humble, Slim, Fair, Tall, Soft spoken, Good looking and not above 43yrs. Unmarried, Divorced, Widowed or Annulled without children only.
Contact
nrk.remarry@gmail.com
View Profile:
https://tinyurl.com/100nrk100

BUSINESS OFFERS

BUSINESS

CONVEYOR FRAMES, Rollers, Assembly Parts, Bearing Housings (76–152 dia) Pressed Metal, Deep Drawn Parts avlble from MSME, Chennai 9500046615

FINANCE

CHEQUE BASED BL(Property Mortg) NPA/DRT upto 100Cr Bank/Pvt. 7299870518

PERSONAL, BUSINESS, Property, 3rd Party Collateral, Low Int. 7305912765

HUGE LEVEL LOAN from 8 CR AND ABOVE@ Reasonable Rate of Interest. Against all kind of property, Business , Projects Rapid process. Ct: 8870361612, indthaiventures@gmail.com

GENERAL

INVESTORS REQUIRED
M SAND JALLI CRUSHER & ALLIED PRODUCTIONS REQUIRED INVESTORS
(0) 98777 79775
(0) 93633 38477
smartinvest8888@gmail.com

GENERAL

REQUIRED
Civil & PEB Contractors required for Factory Project In Dabaspet - Banglore Experienced Contractors .
Pls Contact
C.Rajaganesh – 9480834473
Mail ID: ganesh.c@slgroup.in

REAL ESTATE

SELLING

COMMERCIAL LAND

COMMERCIAL PLOT facing MC Road at Manduka near kulanada (5 km from Pandalam). Also RESIDENTIAL plot with direct access to MC Road Call 9567433882

RESIDENTIAL LAND

RESIDENTIAL PLOT 4.3/8.6 cents in Gated Compound at West Kadugalloor (1 km from UC College Aluwa) Call 9567433882

SITUATIONS VACANT

GENERAL

CIVIL SITE Supervisor 2yr Exp 2whlr RK Buldr Ch 9791103164/ 8778420315

WANTED

FEMALE LAW GRADUATES LLB., (or) LL.M.,
English and Hindi fluency must
Basic salary: Rs.20,000 (p.m)
RK Law Consultant
Fairlands, Salem,Tamilnadu.
Drop your resume at:
ravi.rklawconsultant@gmail.com
Last date to apply:
01 December 2023, 5 PM

TECHNICAL

WANTED FOR Rubber Industry Chennai, Maintenance Engineer with hydraulic & mechanical Background. Salary Negotiable. Experience & Skilled Only. No Freshers. Ct: 9840927419 / vignesh@horiaki.com

THE HINDU
DISCLAIMER: Readers are requested to verify and make appropriate enquiries to satisfy themselves about the veracity of an advertisement before responding to any published in this newspaper. THG PUBLISHING PVT LTD., the Publisher & Owner of this newspaper, does not vouch for the authenticity of any advertisement or advertiser or for any of the advertiser's products and/or services. In no event can the Owner, Publisher, Printer, Editor, Director/s, Employees of this newspaper/ company be held responsible/liable in any manner whatsoever for any claims and/or damages for advertisements in this newspaper.

From Page One

From coast to the capital, Kambala makes a splash

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Speaker U.T. Khader during the Bengaluru Kambala, and (below) former Chief Ministers B.S. Yediyurappa and D.V. Sadananda Gowda, Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje, and Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar during the inauguration. K. MURALI KUMAR

The first-ever documented Kambala was held on February 2, 1970, in Bajagoli near Karkala in Udupi district.

The Kambala season usually begins after the southwest monsoon between November and March, at the end of the tilling season and before the planting of seedlings. In the earlier days, after levelling the land for transplanting, all the buffaloes involved in farming would be lined up and made to run in the slushy paddy fields, both as a form of entertainment and as a mark of respect. The winning animals would be sent home with rewards. Over the years, the cultural and religious fervour took on a competitive edge.

Bonhomie

The days leading up to the Bengaluru Kambala also witnessed a rare bonhomie of sorts as political rivals the Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party were seen setting aside their ideological differences to organise the event.

Puttur Congress MLA Ashok Kumar Rai and and the former BJP councillor in the BBMP Umesh Shetty – both hailing from the dominant landowning Bunt community – joined hands to promote a century-old culture.

Buffalo soldiers
A team stopping a pair of buffaloes after the run at the Palace Grounds on Saturday. Around 170 pairs of buffaloes took part in the traditional race. K. MURALI KUMAR

Dressed to thrill
Artists painting themselves for the tiger dance performance during the Kambala. Young men performing Pili Vesha was one of the attractions at the race.
K. MURALI KUMAR

In the thick of it
The crowd watching the rider running with his pair of buffaloes. The attendence for the event swelled as the day progressed.
K. MURALI KUMAR

For good luck
A puja being performed during the inauguration of the race. The traditional sport of the coastal region has a 700-year legacy,
K. MURALI KUMAR

Despite teething troubles, Bengaluru Kambala is a stupendous success

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah calls it the sport of the common people and adds he will try to get official State language status for Tulu

Nalme Nachiyar
BENGALURU

Even the rains couldn't dim the spirit of Bengaluru's first ever two-day Kambala, or slush track buffalo race from coastal Karnataka, which saw the attendance of lakhs of Tuluvas residing in the city, at the Palace Grounds on Saturday.

The traditional sport with a 700-year legacy, organised by the Kambala Committee of Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Kasaragod (Kerala) districts and the Bengaluru Kambala Committee (BKC), saw the presence of leaders from across the political spectrum.

While former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, along with BJP leaders D.V. Sadananda Gowda and Shobha Karandlaje, attended the inauguration in the morning, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Speaker U.T. Khader addressed the gathering in the evening.

The *jodu kare* (double slush track) was thrown open for the event by Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar, wife of the late Kannada actor Puneeth Rajkumar.

Praising the efforts of the BKC to introduce kambala to Bengaluru, Mr. Siddarmaiah called it the sport of the common people.

He also promised to try for official State language status for Tulu, eliciting cheers from the audience.

Puttur MLA and BKC president Ashok Kumar Rai said: "We had close to 228 registrations, but we filtered them down to 178. Close to 20-25 lakh people from Karavali live in Bengaluru. We wanted to introduce this folk sport to the entire State and the nation".

Difficulties

Despite being graced by big names from politics and the film industry, the first-time event was not without teething troubles.

The day began with a lean crowd figuring their way around the expansive venue. As the day wore on and the crowd swelled, confused visitors struggled to find basic amenities like washrooms and drinking water.

The organising committee had earlier estimated that about 7-8 lakh people would view the Kambala, with 2,000 VVIP seats and gallery for 15,000 people. However, tempers ran high as many from the crowd jostled with security personnel to get access to the gallery to sit and watch the traditional sport.

"The organisers had claimed the entry was free, but who knew the public would have to watch the kambala on our feet all day long while only the VIPs and VVIPs got seating?" asked Sakregowda from Yelahanka, whose family of five was not allowed into the seating area.

The family returned home without watching the races.

Joyous teams

The racing teams though seemed happy to get a chance to showcase their sport to a new audience.

"All the arrangements are as good as in our towns. There are minor issues but that doesn't bother us. Our only concern is that the buffaloes are safe," said Ranjith Padival, who was part of the Belavai Perodi Putthige team owned by Kaushik Dinakar Shetty.

"We have brought close to 300 litres of water from our towns in huge drums so that the change in climate and water quality does not affect their health and their performance," he added.

From the 125 stalls selling products or food items showcasing the vibrant culture and cuisine of the coastal region to a group of young men getting painted in bright yellow and black stripes of Pili Vesha (tiger dance), there was something to pique the appetite and interest of everyone at Bengaluru Kambala.

Mysuru doctor, staff linked to sex determination racket

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Continuing its investigation into the sex determination racket busted in October, the Byappanahalli police have established a link to a Mysuru-based doctor and his staff operating for the last two years.

The police team raided a private hospital owned by the doctor and detained his wife, his receptionist, and his lab technician who were allegedly part of the racket .

On October 25, the beat police caught an SUV on Old Madras Road being driven in a suspicious manner during a random vehicle check. Inside were five people and a pregnant woman.

The police confronted them and questioned the woman, who reportedly told the police that they had gone to a makeshift lab in Mandya where a scan was done to determine the sex of her foetus.

The police arrested the five persons and further investigation revealed that they were operating for two years in Bengaluru, Mandya, and Mysuru carrying out around 20 sex determination tests and abortions per month and charging between ₹20,000 and ₹25,000 per process.

The police have tracked down around six women who underwent the process and notices have been served to them to record their statement.

CENTRAL RAILWAY
SOLAPUR DIVISION
E-Tender Notice No.: 52-2023-DENC

DRM (W)'s, Central Railway, Solapur on behalf of the president of India Invites E-tender from the reputed firms / Contractor for the following work. **Name of work:-** 1) Rendering services of Officer's Rest House and sub Ordinate Rest House at Pandharpur(PVR) station for a period of two years. 2) Rendering service of officer's rest house at Ramling and Latur station for a period of two years. **Approximate cost of work** - Rs. 9958317.85/-, **Earnest Money** - Rs. 199200.00/-, **Completion period of the work** - 24 (Twenty Four) months, **Maintenance Period** - Nil, **Cost of Tender form** - Nil, **Date and time for submission for tender on www.ireps.gov.in website** - 13/12/2023, 15:00 hrs, **Date and time of opening of tender on www.ireps.gov.in** - 13/12/2023 after 15:30 hrs., **Website particulars** - www.ireps.gov.in. **Note** : The Prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website frequently before the date of closing of tender to note any change/ corrigendum issued for this tender website : www.ireps.gov.in .

Divisional Railway Manager (Works), Central Railway, Solapur.
SUN-08

DOWNLOAD UTS APP FOR TICKETS

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that my clients have agreed to purchase th e Schedule Property from its sole and absolute owner **Mr.Susarla Bhagavat Sastry,** S/o late Susarla Vishnu Sarma, residing at: No.31, 7th Avenue, Ashok Nagar, Chennai – 600 083.

If any person/s have any manner of right, title, interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule property by the aforesaid owner, they are hereby called upon to file their objections in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Villa Plot bearing No.A-10, Khatha No.390/A/10/138, E- Khata No.152900402000400645, being portion of residential land bearing Sy.No.21/3, measuring East to West (121 + 119)/2 feet and North to South 80 feet, totally measuring 9600 Sq.ft., together with a Duplex house thereon, situated in 'Eagleton –The Golf Village', Billakempanahalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagaram Taluk, Ramanagaram District and bounded on:

East by : Golf course
West by : Road
North by : Villa No.A-09
South by : Villa No.A-11

Sd/- S.F. Goutam Chand
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

Classifieds

LIFE MADE SIMPLE — THE HINDU

GENERAL

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE LV ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-56)
O.S. No. 1937/2023
Hg. 20/01/2024

Between :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at : Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007, having its head office at : and branch office at : 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560068. through its Authorised representative Mr. Rohith Ali M.
...Plaintiff

And :
Mr. Muhammed Rahees and Another ...Defendants

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
1. Mr. Muhammed Rahees
S/o. Umarkunni Kunnum Keel, Aged about 34 Years.
2. Mrs Shaharban A. P.
W/o. Muhammed Rahees, Aged about 29 Years.
Both are Residing at :
R/at. No.1098, 1st Floor, 5th Cross, 5th Stage BEML, Jai Singh Layout, Halagevadarahalli Village, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Behind Dhaneswari Paradise, Near Old Manipal Hospital, Bangalore- 560098.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of **Rs. 8,04,071.69/-** along with interest at the rate of 15% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the LV Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H.-56), in person or by a pleader, on the day of **20.01.2024** at **11:00 AM** to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the **20th** day of **November, 2023** at Bangalore.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar Hon'ble City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners, Advocates, No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', 3 Queens Road, Bengaluru- 01.

IN THE COURT OF THE LXV ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE (CCH-66) AT BANGALORE
ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 5986 OF 2022

BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Ltd.
A body corporate incorporated And registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered Office at : "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390007 And having its Regional office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 4/10, 1st Floor, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Road, Bangalore- 560 068, and represented by its POA holder and Manager Mr. Rohith Ali M, S/o Ishrath Ali M., Age : 24 years.
...PLAINTIFF

AND :
Mr. SHABBIR SAIT,
...DEFENDANT

Summons to the defendant by way of paper publication

To,
Defendant:
Mr. SHABBIR SAIT, Aged about 57 years, Son of Saleha Sait, Residing at. No. 310, 9th Cross, 1st Stage, Pillanna Garden, Near Vishwas Medical Store, St. Thomas Town, Bangalore- 560 084.

Whereas the Plaintiff above named has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 of the Civil Procedure Code for recovery **Rs.6,30,952/- (Rupees Six Lakh Thirty Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Two Only)** together with interest at the rate 18% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court (CCH-66), in person or by a pleader on the **12.01.2024** to show cause against the suit, and failing wherein the suit will be heard and determined as exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this **20th** day of **November, 2023.**

By the order of Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore

Advocates for Plaintiff
S.M. ANEES AHAMED, B.M. KUSHALAPRA, Advocates, No. 4 (10/2), West Park Road, Kumara Park East, Bangalore- 560001.

WATER PROOFING

BUILDING SOLUTIONS: waterproofing roof, Tank, Skylight, Bathroom, House painting, Fabrication, Carpentry, Epoxy coating. Macbond. 9448572697

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE LIX ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE (CCH-60) AT BANGALORE
ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 5150 OF 2022

BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Ltd.
A body corporate incorporated And registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act 1949 having Registered Office at : "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007 And having its Regional office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 4/10, 1st Floor, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Road, Bangalore-560 068, And represented by its POA holder and Manager Mr. Rohith Ali M. S/o Ishrath Ali M., Age : 24 years
...PLAINTIFF

AND :
MR. MALLAPPA DUMMANNANAVAR
...DEFENDANT

Summons to the defendant by way of paper publication

To,
Defendant :
Mr. Mallappa Dummannanavar
Aged about 47 years, Son of Basavaneppa, R/of. Boovanahalli, Backside Govt. Hospital, Hassan Dist.- 573220.

Whereas the Plaintiff above named has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 of the Civil Procedure Code for Recovery of **Rs. 4,29,582/- (Rupees Four Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Two Only)** together with interest at the rate 18% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court (CCH-60), in person or by a pleader on the **20/12/2023** at **11:00 AM** to show cause against the suit, and failing wherein the suit will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this **18th** day of **November, 2023.**

By the order of Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore

Advocates for Plaintiff
S.M. ANEES AHAMED, B.M. KUSHALAPRA, Advocates, No. 4 (10/2), West Park Road, Kumara Park East, Bangalore- 560001

ORCHESTRA / MUSIC / ENTERTAINMENT

MAKE YOUR special occasion more colorful, unique and memorable. For Laser Show Ct : 9364127077

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE LXV ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE (CCH-57) AT BANGALORE
ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 4617 OF 2022

BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Ltd.
A body corporate incorporated And registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act 1949 having Registered Office at : "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007 And having its Regional office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 4/10, 1st Floor, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Road, Bangalore- 560 068, And represented by its POA holder and Manager Mr. Rohith Ali M, S/o. Ishrath Ali M, Age: 24 years.
...PLAINTIFF

AND :
Mr. RAJ BHAVADEESH REDDY,
...DEFENDANT

Summons to the defendant by way of paper publication

To,
Defendant :
Mr. RAJ BHAVADEESH REDDY
Aged- about 32 years, Son of Murali Krishna Reddy, Residing at. No. FF101, Apsara Gold Apartment, 05th Cross, Near Ganapathi Temple, Yelenahalli, Akshayanagar, Bangalore- 560 076

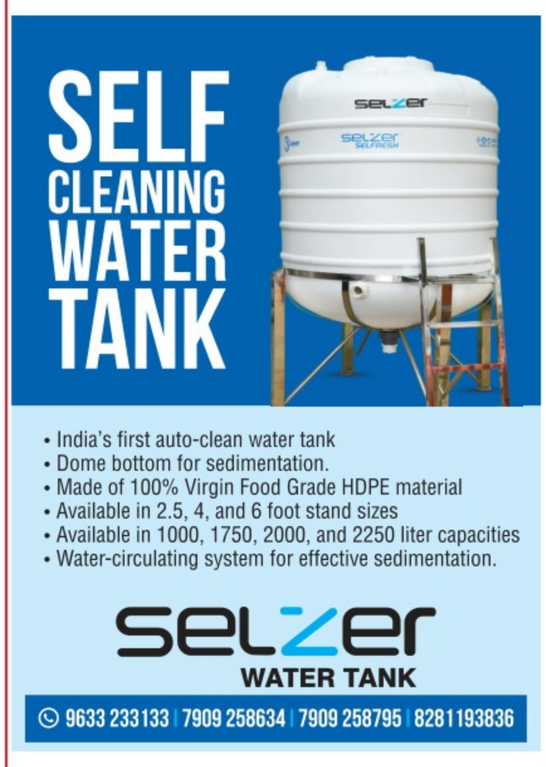
Whereas the Plaintiff above named has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 of the Civil Procedure Code for **Rs. 5,04,529/- (Rupees Five Lakh Four Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Nine Only)** together with interest at the rate 18% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court (CCH-57), in person or by a pleader on the 20/12/2023 to show cause against the suit, and failing wherein the suit will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this 21st day of November, 2023.

By the order of Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore

Advocates for Plaintiff
S.M. ANEES AHAMED, B.M. KUSHALAPRA, Advocates, No. 4 (10/2), West Park Road, Kumara Park East, Bangalore- 560001

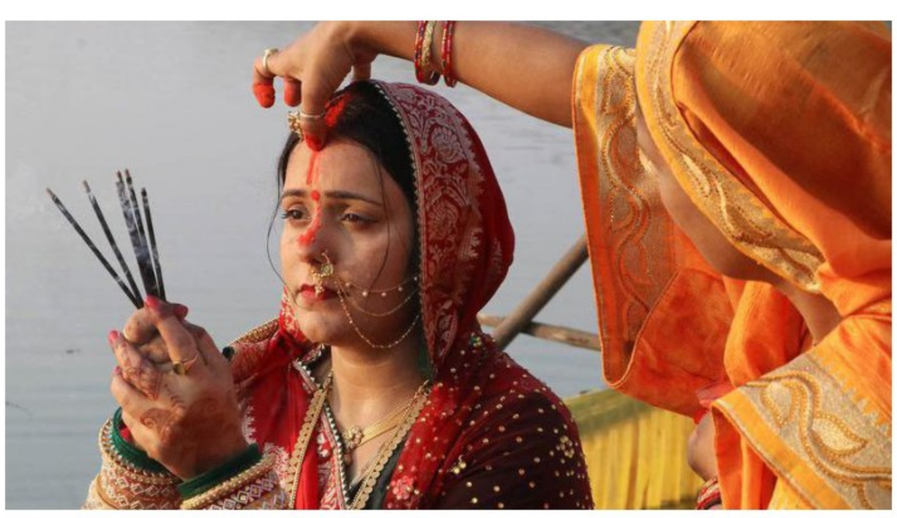
INDUSTRIAL NEEDS



Rooted in tradition: Women offering prayers during the Chhath Puja rituals on the Marina Beach in Chennai. AKHILA EASWARAN

Light prayers: Women offering prayers to the setting sun on the Marina Beach in Chennai. AKHILA EASWARAN

North to south: Devotees offer prayers to the sun on Chattiyarkulam in Kannur, Kerala. S.K. MOHAN



Uniting culture: Women perform rituals in Nagpur, Maharashtra. PTI

SUNDAY
November 26, 2023

BENGALURU
CITY EDITION
30 Pages ₹ 8.00

THE HINDU ON SUNDAY
INDIA'S NATIONAL NEWSPAPER SINCE 1878

www.thehindu.com
FOLLOW US
https://newsth.live/fb
https://newsth.live/x
https://newsth.live/ig

Vol. 54 • No. 48

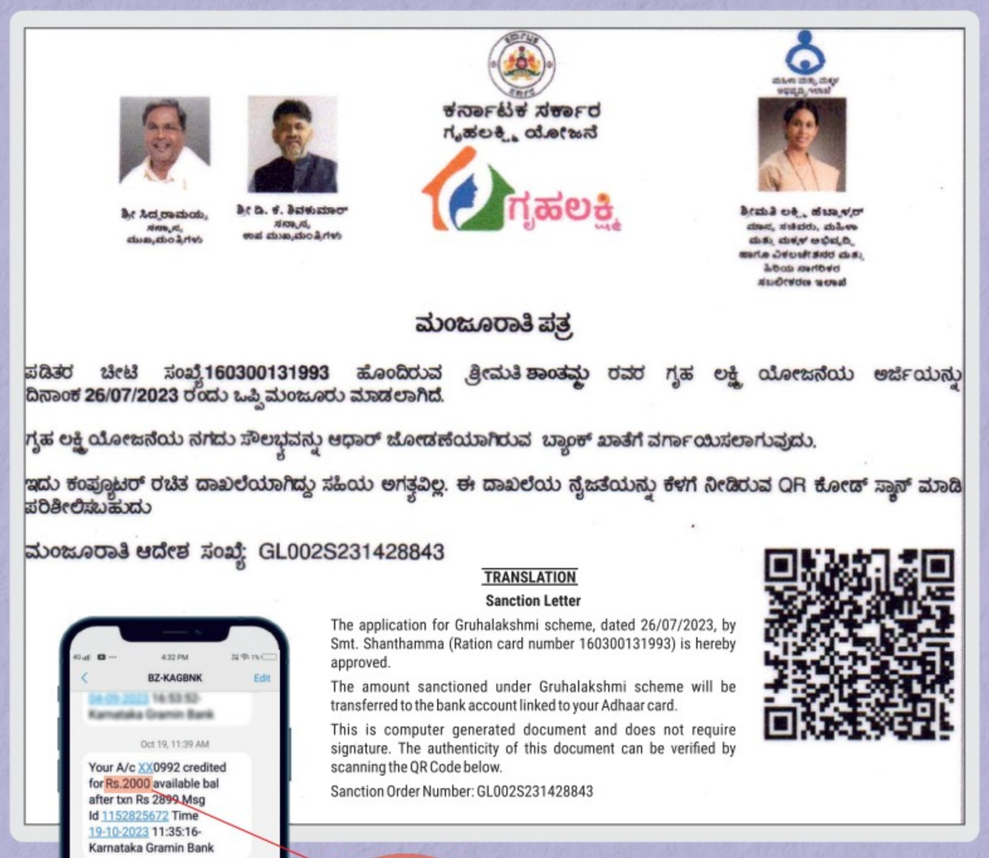
Printed at » Chennai » Coimbatore » Bengaluru » Hyderabad » Madurai » Noida » Visakhapatnam » Thiruvananthapuram » Kochi » Vijayawada » Mangaluru » Tiruchirapalli » Kolkata » Hubballi » Mohali » Malappuram » Mumbai » Tirupati » Lucknow » Cuttack » Patna

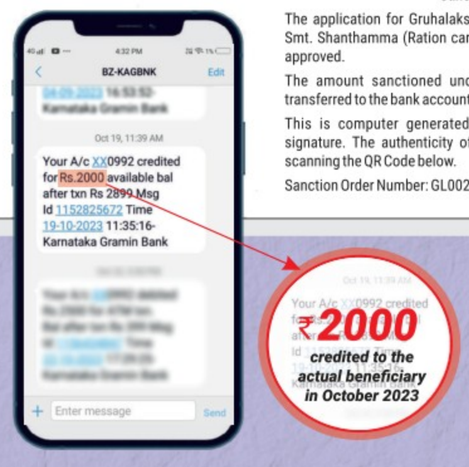
Karnataka Government. Guarantee Government.

Department of
Women & Child Development

Gruha Lakshmi

₹2000 per month to the female head of the family





₹2000 credited to the actual beneficiary in October 2023

Gruhalakshmi is a blessing for homemakers like me. With rising prices, I was struggling to meet my household expenses. I am able to manage it comfortably now with Rs 2000 deposited into my account every month under the Gruhalakshmi scheme of the Karnataka government led by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

Shanthamma, Homemaker

For every small expense, I had to ask my husband for money. I don't have to do that anymore, thanks to Karnataka government and Chief Minister Sri Siddaramaiah for the Gruhalakshmi scheme. The Rs 2000 deposited into my account every month gives me so much comfort and confidence.

Roopa Hiremath, Homemaker

₹2000 deposited into 1 Crore women's accounts

Sri D. K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister

Sri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Women in Karnataka are leading a life of self-reliance, self-confidence and self-respect, thanks to Gruhalakshmi scheme launched by the Government of Karnataka under the progressive & inclusive leadership of

Hon'ble Chief Minister
Sri Siddaramaiah

FREE BUS Service for women across Karnataka
60 lakh women benefit every day. 100 crore tickets issued

Gruha Jyothi
Upto 200 Units of Free Electricity to each home
Free electricity provided to more than 1.50 crore households.

Sri Siddaramaiah, Hon'ble Chief Minister and Smt Lakshmi R Hebbalkar, Hon'ble Minister for Women & Child Welfare, Disabled and Senior Citizens Empowerment Participated in the Gruha lakshmi scheme inaugural ceremony.

Transfer of Rs. 2444 crore to 3.92 crore beneficiaries

Anna Bhagya
10kg Free Food Grains (per person / per month)

Expected to help 4.5 lakh youth.

Yuva Nidhi
₹3000 Per month for Graduates
₹1500 Per month for Diploma Holders

DELIVERED AS PROMISED...

More than 96% of the people in Karnataka benefit from one or the other guarantee schemes

As enshrined in our Constitution - to safeguard public property and to abjure violence is the fundamental duty of every citizen of India.

CMofKarnataka https://dipr.karnataka.gov.in/

Published by : Department of Women & Child Development, Govt. of Karnataka

Saveetha Dental College

India Ranking	Publications	Institution
1	10037	Saveetha Dental College, Chennai, India
2	9245	Harvard School of Dental Medicine, MA, United States
3	8783	National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR), MD, United States
4	5765	Eastman Dental Institute, United Kingdom
5	5646	Tokyo Dental College, Tokyo, Japan
6	4538	University of Maryland School of Dentistry, MD, United States
7	4128	NYU College of Dentistry, NY, United States
8	3860	Nippon Dental University, Japan
9	3450	University of Michigan School of Dentistry, MI, United States
10	3400	Forsyth Institute, MA, United States
11	2992	Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, MA, United States
12	2898	College of Dentistry, King Saud University, Riyadh

Only Dental College in the World with more than 10,000 SCOPUS Publications

India's Highest-Ranked Programme

India Ranking	World Ranking	Institution
1	13	Saveetha Institute of Medical And Technical Sciences, Dentistry, Chennai
2	21	Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM), Engineering- Petroleum, Chennai
3	25	Indian Institute Of Technology (Indian School of Mines), Mineral & Mining Engineering, Dhanbad
4	49	Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IITD), Electrical & Electronic Engineering, Delhi
5	54	National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education & Research (NIPER), Pharmacy & Pharmacology, Hyderabad
6	62	Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM), Mechanical, Aeronautical & Manufacturing Engineering, Chennai
7	66	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB), Computer Science and Information Technology, Mumbai
8	68	Jawaharlal Nehru University, Sociology, New Delhi
9	77	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB), Chemical Engineering, Mumbai
10	77	Indian Institute of Science, Chemistry, Bangalore

SIMATS

Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences

+91- 44-26801050 | +91 -44 - 26801580 - 87 | +91-8939994248 | admission@saveetha.com | No.162, Poonamallee High Rd, Velappanchavadi, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600077

Medicine | Dentistry | Engineering | Law | Management | Nursing | Physiotherapy | Occupational Therapy | Physical Education | Pharmacy | Architecture & Design
Allied Health Sciences | Liberal Arts & Science | Hospitality & Tourism

AMRITA VISHWA VIDYAPEETHAM
DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY UNDER SECTION 3 OF UGC ACT, 1956

Come. Become.

We Make You Be Who You Want To Be

APPLICATION OPEN FOR **B.TECH.** AND **MBA**

*subject to approval

APPLY NOW

SCHOOLS OF ENGINEERING, COMPUTING & AI

AMARAVATI | AMRITAPURI (KOLLAM) | BENGALURU | CHENNAI | COIMBATORE | NAGERCOIL*

APPLY FOR **B.TECH.** WITH SCORES FROM

AEEE Amrita Entrance Examination - Engineering

Phase-I: January 16 – 22, 2024 (Tentative)
Phase-II: May 10 – 14, 2024 (Tentative)

JEE MAINS 2024

Applicants can attempt AEEE twice to improve the score.

85% Seats with Scholarship

95% Placements with High CTC

₹56.95 Lakh P.A Highest CTC

amrita.edu/btech 044 4627 6066

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

AMARAVATI | AMRITAPURI (KOLLAM) | BENGALURU | COIMBATORE | KOCHI

APPLY FOR **MBA** WITH

ACAT 2024
AMRITA COMMON APTITUDE TEST
ACAT February 2024

Up to 100% Scholarship* for ACAT aspirants (Top rankers)

98.41% Placement in 2023

₹24.85 LPA Highest CTC in 2023

SPECIALIZATIONS OFFERED :

AI and Business Analytics
Operations & Supply Chain
Finance
Marketing
Human Resource Management

APPLY NOW

amrita.edu/mba 044 4813 3344

*Applicants registering for ACAT can opt for Amrita MBA Program through CAT/XAT/MAT/CMAT/GMAT/GRE.

Education for Life. Education for Living.

nirf GOVT. OF INDIA 7TH RANKED UNIVERSITY IN INDIA 2023 | NAAC A++ ACCREDITED | CATEGORY 1 GRADED AUTONOMY UGC, GOVT. OF INDIA | NO.1 IN INDIA THE IMPACT RANKINGS 2023 | NBA NATIONAL BOARD OF ACCREDITATION ASE COIMBATORE CAMPUS | AACSB ACCREDITED ASB COIMBATORE CAMPUS | University at Buffalo MBA-MS Dual Degree An ASB Bengaluru collaboration

Timings
BENGALURU

SUNDAY, NOV. 26	
RISE 06:23	SET 17:51
RISE 16:57	SET 05:09
MONDAY, NOV. 27	
RISE 06:23	SET 17:51
RISE 17:48	SET 06:07
TUESDAY, NOV. 28	
RISE 06:24	SET 17:51
RISE 18:41	SET 07:07

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	29	24
Mysuru	30	23
Bengaluru	27	20

Bengaluru Today
28ºC Morning will be pleasant. Day will be comfortable but humid. Night also will be pleasant. Spell of light rain and thundershower to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29ºC The weather will be slight warm and humid. Night also will be pleasant. Spell of light rain and thundershower is a chance.

© Copyright Skymet Weather 2023
All rights reserved.

THE HINDU
DISCLAIMER: Readers are requested to verify and make appropriate enquiries to satisfy themselves about the veracity of an advertisement before responding to any published in this newspaper. THG PUBLISHING PVT LTD., the Publisher & Owner of this newspaper, does not vouch for the authenticity of any advertisement or advertiser or for any of the advertiser's products and/or services. In no event can the Owner, Publisher, Printer, Editor, Director/s, Employees of this newspaper/company be held responsible/liable in any manner whatsoever for any claims and/or damages for advertisements in this newspaper.

With no elected body, citizens struggle to get civic woes resolved

'Elected representatives have accountability as they fear defeat during the polls and in a democracy, elected representatives are the keepers of the system. Now, most of the time officials are inaccessible'

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

With no councillors for the wards, people have been reeling under several civic issues. FILE PHOTO

Last month, a few errant citizens laid road humps on a street without taking permission from the Bengaluru civic body. "When I complained about the violation, a Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) official visited after about a week. But even to this day, no action has been taken to remove the humps," said a resident of J.P. Nagar. "The officials are not answerable to voters. If there was a councillor, s/he can be questioned and has the powers to direct officials to remove the same," he added.

It has been over three years since citizens in Bengaluru have been grappling without an elected body in the city's civic body - the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). With no councillors for the wards, people have been reeling under several civic issues, struggling to communicate with bureaucrats.

Citizens say in the six or five working days a week, officials say they are busy attending meetings at least three days, and on the remaining days, they simply pretend to be listening to the problems of the wards, without it resulting in solutions. With yet another promise of civic elections being held this year likely to fade into obscurity, citizens are clueless about who to approach.

Srinivas Reddy of the Bengaluru Navanirmana Party said every second person he encounters asks the same question - When is the BBMP election?

"People are fed up with the present system and style of functioning as these officials do not have any accountability. In the Whitefield area, which is an IT corridor, not a single footpath is in good condition and that is the state of governance. Despite people raising this issue on many platforms, including in the ward committee meetings, nothing is being done," he said.

Mr. Reddy further said the absence of councillors, who are a bridge between people and officials, is strongly felt. "The elected representatives have accountability as they fear defeat during the elections. In a democracy, elected representatives are the keepers of the system. Most of the time officials are inaccessible," he added.

Tara Krishnaswamy, an activist, said ward committees without councillors are not a valid body and they are currently run in an ad hoc manner. "The citizens in the ad hoc system speak to ad hoc officials hoping to resolve the problems in their area. But no changes are happening as officials do not care. People now talk to MLAs, but an MLA of an Assembly constituency cannot take care of concerns of the ward and it is not his/her job either. The councillors play a crucial role in the urban governance because people can meet them regularly in ward offices which are located in respective wards," she said.

Srinivas Alavilli, another activist, wondered as to how the BBMP Budget can be spent without an elected body. "Can Delhi spend the country's Budget without an elected body? Can officials in the Vidhana Soudha handle the Karnataka Budget? While an elected body is necessary at these levels, how then can the BBMP Budget can be spent by the officials? The elected representatives are keepers of the Budget and they are accountable to the public with regard to spending each penny. I urge the government to hold elections as soon as possible," he said.

More metro feeder services announced

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) announced more feeder services to metro stations.

According to a release on Saturday, new metro feeder routes in non-AC services will be introduced on Monday. These include one bus each of MF-18 from Shanthinagar TTMC via Lalbagh Main Road, Mahila Seva Samaja, K.R. Market, corporation to Shanthinagar TTMC; and MF-18-A from Shanthinagar TTMC via Purnima Theatre, K.R. Market, Mahila Seva Samaja, Lalbagh Main Gate to Shanthinagar TTMC.

MF-1F will have three buses from S.V metro station to Rameshnagar via BEML Gate, Malleshpalya, and Basavanagar, and two buses of MF-13 from Vijayanagar metro station to Shankarnag bus stand via Basaveshwaranagara bus stand, and Kamalanagar market.

Captain Pranjal cremated with state and military honours as hundreds pay respects

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Armed forces personnel pay tribute to Captain M.V. Pranjal in Bengaluru on Saturday. PTI

Anuradha Venkatesh and M.V. Venkatesh at the last rites of their son Captain M.V. Pranjal in Bengaluru on Saturday. PTI

The cremation of the mortal remains of Captain M.V. Pranjal, 28, who was killed in an encounter with terrorists in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, was carried out with state and military honors at Somasundarapalya crematorium here on Saturday afternoon. Hundreds poured in to pay their last respects.

The mortal remains arrived in Bengaluru late on Friday evening and Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, and others paid their tributes, after which the body was brought to his residence at Nandanavana extension of Jigani, Banneraghatta road, from the HAL airport.

On Saturday morning, arrangements were made for the public to pay homage. D.K. Suresh, MP, and Leader of Opposition R. Ashoka were among those who paid their last respects.

Around 11 a.m., the final procession passed through Jigani OTC Circle, Bannerghatta main road, Nice road, Konappana Agrahara Circle, and Kudlu Gate. Members of the public joined the family and friends on the 23-km journey from his house to the crematorium.

The mortal remains reached the crematorium around 3 p.m.

Case filed against NCPCR chief for 'trespassing' into an orphanage

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Days after a National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) team conducted a surprise inspection at a muslim orphanage in KB Sandra recently, an FIR has been registered against Priyank Kanoongo, NCPCR chief, and his team for allegedly trespassing into an orphanage, videographing the premises and put out a post on his social media account accusing the institute of being illegal and comparing the condition of the inmates with medieval Taliban life.

Based on the complaint filed by Darul Uloom Sayideeya orphanage secretary, Ashraf Khan, the jurisdictional DJ Halli police charged Kanoongo and his associates under sections 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention), 447 (criminal trespass), 448 (house trespass), and 295A (deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs) of the IPC recently.

In the complaint, Mr. Khan alleged that Kanoongo visited the orphanage without prior permission and also compared the living condition there with life under the Taliban rule.

Kanoongo said that the orphanage was running without licence and the condition of the children was not good. The children were not allowed to go to school and were made to stay in a congested room, he said. He also said that he had issued a notice to the Chief Secretary of the State government to take legal action.

A similar inspection was conducted at a Christian-run institute in Davanagere where the management was accused of promoting Christianity and serving beef to the children even though a majority of them belong to the Hindu community.

Cultivating ganja: Three held in Kolar

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Kolar district cyber crime police busted a drug racket and arrested three labourers who were allegedly growing ganja plants in a poultry farm where they were working.

Based on a tip-off, a team of officials, led by Inspector S.R. Jagadisha, raided the farm in Dasepalli village of Mulbagal and arrested Seth Kumar, Basanth Dehuri, and Sagar Thiriya from Odisha who were living on the farm and allegedly cultivating the plants clandestinely.

A probe revealed that the accused were working for a well-known multinational poultry and food products company. They were living on the farm premises where they grew ganja plants and sold it to local peddlers and consumers apart from using it for personal consumption, said the police.

The police have recovered a ganja plant weighing 600 grams and arrested the trio for further investigation.

The accused also had links with peddlers from Visakhapatnam and a team has left for Andhra Pradesh to track down their network.

Earlier, the CEN police arrested five drug addicts in the town who were creating a nuisance under the influence of narcotics. The accused have been booked under the NDPS Act and were subject to medical counselling at the district hospital.

This is part of a special drive organised by Superintendent of Police M. Narayana against narcotics. The district police have crack the whip against medical stores, shops and roadside tea vendors who were peddling drugs.

Several teams have been formed who conducted surprise inspections and checks on medical stores. There were reports that the medical stores were selling banned drugs over the counter and some drugs without prescription and the consumers were mostly youth and college students .

It was alleged that a 17-year-old college student who was murdered by a group of youth recently over a trivial row were under the influence of drugs.

From Page One

'Setback sure for Cong. in Lok Sabha polls if report is accepted'

Shamanur Shivashankarappa

"We are also against this report just like the Vokkaliga community. The BJP and JD(S) are also opposing. I have also brought this to the notice of the Chief Minister. But what to do? The Chief MInister wants what others oppose," he quipped.

Demanding that a fresh survey be done scientifically, Mr. Shivashankarappa said: "The original report is missing while H. Kantharaj, former chairman of the State backward classes commission, says that he had given a signed report. Meanwhile, the term of the incumbent chairman of the commission has been extended. Now, it remains to be seen what the government will do amid all this confusion. We will decide our future course of action after the government takes a call [on the issue]."

The mahasabha will felicitate its honorary president Bheemanna Khandre at a programme that will be organised to commemorate his birth centenary on December 2, he said.

While AICC president M. Mallikarjun Kharge will inaugurate the programme, Chief MInister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar will participate in it, he added.

INBRIEF

Ashwini Vaishnaw reviews railway safety

Minister of Railways, Electronics and IT and Communications, Ashwini Vaishnaw on Saturday conducted a detailed review of various safety aspects of Railways. In the review meeting, Mr. Vaishnaw emphasised on various aspects of Railway operations such as automatic signalling, working hours of crew, modernisation of railway yards with the infusion of latest technology incorporating latest standards of safety.

Two-day workshop for PGT (Mathematics) held

A regional-level workshop for PGT-Mathematics of Kendriya Vidyalayas of KVS Bengaluru region was held recently. Deputy Commissioner, KVS Bengaluru region, Dharmendra Patle, who inaugurated the workshop, highlighted the importance of teaching Mathematics at the Classes XI and XII level.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Mr. MANJUNATHA REDDY,** aged about 49 years, S/o. Late. Narayana Reddy, R/at. No. 8/7, Shubhakriti, Mega City Road, Maragondanahalli Main Road, K.R. Puram Post, Bangalore-560036, is intending to purchase the Schedule property from its owners **1) Sri. B.N. KODANDARAMA,** aged about 53 years, S/o. Late. Narayanappa, R/at No. 212, Balagere Village, Bellandur, Bangalore South, Bangalore 560103. **2) Sri. MANJUNATHA B.N,** aged about 51 years, S/o. Late. Narayanappa, R/at. No. 30, 'A' Block, Police Quarters, Adugodi Bangalore-560030, **3) Smt. AMBUJA YELLAPPA,** aged about 53 years, D/o. Late. Narayanappa, R/at Kothagondapalli Village, Bommandapalli Post, Hosuru Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamilnadu State, for Valuable Consideration. Any persons having any rights/claims/objections/ Agreements/ Minor Claims, in respect of the schedule property are hereby requested to send their objections to the above mentioned address within 7 days, from the receipt of the this public notice. If no objections are forth coming within 7 days, my client shall get executed sale deed in his favour.

SCHEDULE

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the Land bearing Survey No. 109/1, Measuring 00 Acre 20 Guntas, and B Kharabu 01.12 Guntas, Situated at Agrahara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Srinivasapura Taluk, Kolar District., and bounded on:-
East by : Property in Sy. No.109/4, (20 guntas),
West by : Property of Sri. Gopal Reddy
North by : Doddabommanahalli to Agrahara Village Road,
South by : Property of Sakappa navara Muniyappa,

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the Land bearing Survey No. 109/4, Measuring 00 Acre 20 Guntas, and B Kharabu 01.12 Guntas, Situated at Agrahara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Srinivasapura Taluk, Kolar District., and bounded on:-
East by : Property in Sy. No.109/3, (1 Acre),
West by : Property in Sy. No.109/1, (20 Guntas),
North by : Doddabommanahalli to Agrahara Village Road,
South by : Property of Sakappa navara Muniyappa,

Item No.3: All that piece and parcel of the Land bearing Survey No. 109/3, Measuring 01 Acre 00 Guntas, and B Kharabu 03.08 Guntas, Situated at Agrahara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Srinivasapura Taluk, Kolar District., and bounded on:-
East by : Road left ingress and engross of this Sy. Number,
West by : Property in Sy. No.109/4, (20 Guntas),
North by : Doddabommanahalli to Agrahara Village Road,
South by : Property of Sakappa navara Muniyappa,

Smt. T. SHOBHA, B.Sc., LLB.,
No. 8/7, Mega City BEML Layout Road, Maragondanahalli Main Road, K.R. Puram Post, Bangalore-36.
Ph:- 9845520830, 7353233778

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE 84th ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE, COMMERCIAL COURT, BANGALORE COURT HALL No. 85

Com O.S. No. 640/2023

PLAINTIFF:
MR. WILLIAM SAMUEL
ALSO KNOWN AS A. WILLIAM SAMUEL
-Versus-
DEFENDANTS:
M/s SRI SAI TRADERS and Another

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS Nos.1 and 2

1. **M/s SRI SAI TRADERS,**
A sole proprietory concern
represented herein by its Proprietor
Mr. Vikram C.T
2. **Mr. Vikram C.T.,**
Aged about 46 years,
Son of Thimmappa,
Sole Proprietor
M/S Sri Sai Traders,

Both presently residing at: No.8, 2nd 'G' Cross Road, HRBR Layout, 3rd Block, Keshava Nagar, Chanakeshava Layout, Kacharakana halli, Bengaluru-560 084.

WHEREAS the above named Plaintiff has instituted the above suit seeking inter alia eviction of the Defendants from the suit Schedule Property.

You are hereby summoned to appear in this Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed on the **8th day of December, 2023** at 11:00 am in the forenoon to answer the same failing which the suit will disposed of *ex parte*.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Ground floor portion of premises bearing No.13, HBR Layout, 4th Block, Near Shani Mahatma Temple, Hennur Cross, Kalyan Nagar Post, Bangalore-560 043, measuring 1130 square feet used as a Godown and bounded as follow:-
ON THE EAST BY : by Road,
ON THE WEST BY : by Site No.32,
ON THE NORTH : by Road,
ON THE SOUTH : by Site No.12

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this the **4th day of November, 2023.**

ADVOCATES FOR PLAINTIFF
Messrs Rego & Rego
N-509, Manipal Centre,
#47/73, Dickenson Road,
Bangalore-560 042.

By Order of the Court
Sd/-
Sheristhedar
City Civl Court
Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby notified that, my client is proposing to purchase the properties described in the schedule hereunder from its respective owners. Terms of the proposals are under negotiation. Meanwhile, we are instructed to carry out a due diligence of the schedule properties and the scrutiny of documents to ascertain marketable title and lawful possession of the respective owners. As part of the due diligence report, this public notice is issued to receive a response from any persons interested in the schedule properties or opposing the sale or otherwise of the schedule properties including any financial institutions, agreement holders, GPA holders or any person claiming any right title, claim, interest or lien over the schedule properties or any portion thereof and/or opposing sale of the schedule properties to my client either for joint development or otherwise in any manner whatsoever, are hereby notified to register their objections/claims, if any with supporting authenticated documents, justifying such claims to the under signed within **"Fifteen (15) days"** from the date of publication hereof for scrutiny and consideration.
If no objections/claims are received with supporting documents as above within the stipulated period, my client will proceed with the completion of the proposed transaction as if there are no objections or objections if any, are deemed to have been waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

All that piece and parcel of the lands belonging to smt.Uma Devi.K W/o T.Narayanappa, aged about 59 years, residing at No:984 Banashankari Nilaya, 2nd "B" cross, 1St Main road,behind A.X.A company, old Madiwala, BTM layout 1st Stage, Bangalore 56068. Land bearing Sy 34, situated at Chikkahosahalli Village, Kasaba hobli, AnekalTaluk, Bangalore Urban District, and bounded as follows:

Sl. No.	Survey Number	Extent		Schedule Boundaries			
		Acre	Guntas	East	West	North	South
1	SY: No:34/2	0A	20G	Mahadevappa	Rathanamma	Mahadevappa	Ravi Raju & others
2	SY: No:34/3	0A	20G	Thotti Lakshmaiah	Rathanamma	Prathiba & her heirs	Vedamma
3	SY: No:34/4	1A	00G	Thotti Lakshmaiah	Rathanamma	Raviraju & his heirs- Presently K.Uma Devi	Sy;no:34/6
4	SY: No:34/5	1A	00G	Dr. Uma Shankar & Dr. Pradeep Presently Nagaraj Reddy	Rathanamma	Vedamma	Sy;no:34/6
5	SY: No:34/6	0A	21G	Dr. Uma Shankar Presently Nagaraj Reddy in sy 35/1	Rathanamma	Phuspamma presently Uma Devi.K	Road

Mr. Sri Chandrashekar Reddy N. R, Advocate
No.1, C Block, STB Complex Near Court Premises,
New pet, Anekal Town Bangalore District.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. CEE/TZM/SEE(O)/AEE-1/2023-24/9648-52 **Date: 23.11.2023**

TENDER NOTIFICATION (KPP Portal Only)

KPTCL invites e-bids for **"COMBINED PACKAGE of Conducting detailed survey using modern survey techniques for construction of following proposed 400kV & 220kV lines in Mandya District**. Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/CEE/TZM/SEE(O)/AEE-1/2023-24/Survey-366 Date: 23.11.2023.**

1) Double LILO from proposed **400kV ChikkaNayakanahalli (CN Halli)-Kadakola** double circuit 400kV Quad moose line to proposed 400/220kV receiving station at Hampapura in Mandya Taluk & District with Quad moose Conductor for a distance of about **30kms.**

2) 220kV DC line from proposed 400/220kV Hampapura R/s station to existing **220/66kV Nagamangala R/s** for a distance of **25kms.**

3) 220kV DC line from proposed 400/220kV Hampapura receiving station to proposed **220/66kV Maddur R/s** for a distance of **30kms.**

4) 220kV DC line from proposed 400/220kV Hampapura receiving station to existing **220/66kV Tubinakere R/s** for a distance of **23kms.**

5) 220kV DC line from proposed 400/220kV Hampapura R/s station to existing **220/66kV Huygonahalli R/s** (K.R.Pete) for a distance of **58kms.**

The tender for the above work is invited through electronic mode. The interested bidders can obtain the application in electronic mode by paying the tender fee. The detailed notification regarding above said enquiry in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink "e-procurement" OR **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **27.11.2023.** More details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- **Chief Engineer, Electy., Transmission Zone, KPTCL,**
"Prasarana Bhavana", FTS Compound,
NR Mohalla, Mysuru-570007. Tel: 0821-2455770/455771.

Published by Nirmala Lakshman at No 19&21, Bhagwan Mahaveer Road, Bengaluru-560001 and Printed by C. Sridhar at Plot No. 13-D, Bommasandra-Jigani Link Road, KIADB Industrial Area, Bommasandra, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-560099 on behalf of THG PUBLISHING PVT LTD., Chennai-600002. Editor: Suresh Nambath (Responsible for selection of news under the PRB Act).
RNI No. KARENG/1970/49960 • ISSN 0971 - 751X

Common man may get a peek into Chandrayaan-3 at this year's tech summit

Theme of the four-day event starting from November 29 is 'Breaking Boundaries'; expo will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

One of the highlights of this year's edition of Karnataka's annual tech exposition, Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS), scheduled to begin on November 29, will be the Chandrayaan-3 ISRO-Industry Pavilion, symbolising India's significant presence in space exploration.

The pavilion will not only showcase ISRO's achievements but will also emphasise the crucial contributions of SMEs, startups, and private industries in ensuring the success of the Chandrayaan-3 mission. For the first time, a 1:1 scale model of Chandrayaan-3 lander will be on display. Also, in a specially erected geodesic dome, using AR/VR technology, an immersive experience will created to learn about lunar missions, space science, and technology behind Chandrayaan, said Priyank Kharge, Minister for Information Technology & Biotechnology and Rural Development & Panchayat Raj in a media briefing on Saturday.

The four-day tech extravaganza, between November 29 and December 1, under the theme 'Breaking Boundaries'.

The expo will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, in the presence of Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar; Minister for Large & Medium Industries M.B. Patil; Minister of Science & Technology, Minor Irrigation N.S. Boseraju, and Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma.

Priyank Kharge, Minister for Information Technology & Biotechnology and Rural Development & Panchayat Raj, addressing presspersons on the Bengaluru Tech Summit on Saturday.

The inaugural session will feature Bagdat Mussin, Minister of Digital Development, Innovations, and Aerospace Industry of Kazakhstan; Mark Papermaster, EVP & CTO of AMD, and recorded messages from Sari Multala, Minister of Science and Culture of Finland and Volker Wissing, Minister of Digital Affairs and Transport of Germany.

Captains of the local industry, Rishad Premji, Executive Chairman of Wipro Limited; Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Chairperson, Vision Group on Biotechnology; Kris Gopalakrishnan, Chairman, Vision Group on IT; B.V. Naidu, Chairman, Karnataka Digital Economy Mission, and Arvind Kumar, Director General of Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) will be present.

Some of the key dignitaries and speakers include R.A. Mashelkar, former Director-General, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR); Nobel Laureate and American biologist H. Robert Horvitz, among others.

The GIA track in the conference will have around 17 engaging sessions curated by the partner nations and regions, including Australia, Finland, the Netherlands, South Korea, Denmark, Sweden, the United Kingdom, France, Israel, Poland, Austria, Germany and NRW, Japan, Switzerland, Lithuania and EU.

Senator Franziska Giffey, Senate Department for Economic Affairs, Energy and Public Enterprises, Berlin; Stephan Keller, Mayor of Düsseldorf, Germany; Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economy, Job Creation and Trade, Ontario, Canada will be speaking in the GIA sessions.

This edition has taken a significant stride by committing to achieve net zero carbon emissions in the upcoming years. This goal involves integrating eco-conscious practices in procurement to minimise waste generation and establishing a sustainability advisory for various stakeholders, the organisers explained.

INDIAN INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY
JEE (Advanced) 2024
Joint Entrance Examination [JEE (Advanced) 2024] for admission to various programs of all IITs (listed at **https://jeeadv.ac.in**) will be held as per the following schedule: -

Date: Sunday, 26 May 2024	
Paper - 1	09:00 - 12:00 IST
Paper - 2	14:30 - 17:30 IST
Both the papers are compulsory.	
JEE (Advanced) 2024 will be conducted in Computer Based Test (CBT) mode. Visit **https://jeeadv.ac.in** for details & updates.	

Organizing Chairperson

CONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRATION

THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA

PREAMBLE

WE, THE PEOPLE OF INDIA,
having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a
SOVEREIGN SOCIALIST
SECULAR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
and to secure to all its citizens:
JUSTICE, social, economic and political;
LIBERTY of thought, expression,
belief, faith and worship;
EQUALITY of status and of opportunity;
and to promote among them all
FRATERNITY assuring the dignity of the
individual and the unity and
integrity of the Nation;
IN OUR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY
this twenty – sixth day of November, 1949, do
HEREBY ADOPT, ENACT AND GIVE TO
OURSELVES THIS CONSTITUTION.

Social Welfare Department

Sri D.K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister
Government of Karnataka

Sri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Government of Karnataka

Garlanding of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Amedkar's Statue on the Occasion of Constitution Day Celebrations
Sunday, 26.11.2023 at 10.00 AM
Venue: In front of Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru

Achievements of the Government – Social Welfare Department

SCSP/TSP
Rs. 34,293.69 crore has been allocated to various Departments for the development of SC/ST's

24.10% reservation to SC/ST contractors for works up to Rs. 1 crore

Prize Money
Rs. 124.52 crore distributed to 65,420 SC students

KREIS Residential Schools
Total of 2,06,240 Students are studying in KREIS Schools

Swavalambhi Sarathi
Under this scheme unemployed youth of SC/ST are provided 75% subsidy, maximum up to Rs. 4 lakh to purchase four-wheeler vehicle

Pre-Matric Scholarship
An amount of Rs. 82.67 crore distributed to 6,74,162 SC students

Action initiated to remove Section 7(d) of SCSP/TSP Act 2013

Amendment to PTCL Act
No time limit to file complaints to competent authority on unauthorized transfer of lands granted by the Government to SC/ST's

Rs. 900 crore provided to construct own building to SWD Hostels and KREIS Residential Schools which are functioning in rented buildings

Collateral Security Guarantee Scheme is extended to loans availed from Nationalised banks to encourage SC/ST entrepreneurs

Admission is provided to 1,88,284 students to SWD Hostels

As is enshrined in our Constitution, to value and preserve the rich heritage of our composite culture is the fundamental duty of every citizen of the country.

Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa
Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare interacting with the students.

Commissioner
Social Welfare Department

M BG-BGE

ARC favours rationalisation of clerical posts, revision of water tariff for industrial use

The govt. can consider reviewing the number of FDA and SDA posts in each department and rationalising them or converting them into technical posts, says the panel in its report

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Rationalisation of clerical posts in all departments, collection of slum improvement cess as a percentage of the property tax and other taxes levied by urban local bodies and revision of water tariff for industrial use... these are some of the recommendations made by the Karnataka Administrative Reforms Commission-2 in its sixth report submitted to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday.

Recommending that there is no need to continue with more posts of the First Division Assistant (FDA) and Second Division Assistant (SDA), the commission led by T.M. Vijay Bhaskar has said the government can consider reviewing the number of FDA and SDA posts in each department and rationalising them or converting them into technical posts (e.g. forest guards in the Forest Department).

"Many FDA, SDA posts and other clerical posts are vacant in all departments. Clerical work would have reduced considerably with the introduction and adoption of the HRMS, Khajane 2, e-Office, e-Par and e-Service Register," the commission's report stated.

T.M. Vijay Bhaskar, who headed the Karnataka Administrative Reforms Commission-2, submitting a report to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in Bengaluru on Saturday.

Penalty provisions

Recommending that there is a need to revise the penalty provisions to make them an effective deterrent, the commission has said that suggestions on the revision for each department are based on the increase in the cost inflation index since they were last prescribed or revised.

Powers to sanction routine benefits such as child-care leave, time-bound promotion, stagnation increment, and medical reimbursement for Group C and D employees should be delegated to the district-level officers instead of officials in the head office.

Under the Housing Department, the Multi-Dimension Deprivation Index (MDDI) based on income, education, employment, housing, household resources etc. of families in the State developed by the E-Governance Department should be considered in the selection of beneficiaries for State sector housing and site schemes. To weed out ineligible applicants who already possess a site or a house and multiple applicants from a single family, the department should allot EWS sites by obtaining Aadhaar numbers of applicants and verifying from the Kutumba database, RGHCL allottee list, and linking with e-Khata, e-Swathu, BDA, and BBMP databases, the commission has recommended.

"KHB building plan approval fee should be fixed as a percentage of the estimated cost of the building. Besides, maintenance charges levied on vacant sites should be double the charges levied on built houses as a vacant land charge," the commission's report stated.

The commission has recommended an amendment to the Karnataka Slum Areas (Improvement and Clearance) Act, 1973, to introduce a provision similar to Sec. 30 of the Karnataka Public Libraries Act, 1965, for collection of slum improvement cess as a percentage of the property tax and other taxes levied by urban local bodies in the State.

Man-animal conflicts

Asserting that the Forest Department should respond quickly in giving compensation to victims of man-animal conflict, the commission has recommended that the annual limit for sanction of *ex gratia* be raised to ₹5 lakh a year to Assistant Conservator of Forests. Powers should also be delegated to the Range Forest Officer (RFO) to sanction *ex gratia* up to ₹15,000 in each case subject to a maximum of ₹2 lakh in a year. "Revised water rates for industrial use that were issued in 2019 were struck down by the High Court because the relevant rules had not been amended. The revised water rates for industrial use taking the cost inflation index would be ₹1.20 lakh per mcft for use of river water and ₹2.40 lakh for use of canal water. The rules may be notified with these rates. While revising the rates, the Water Resources Department can also insert a provision in the rules to increase the tariff at the rate of 5% every year, to take into account inflation and the higher water rates for industrial use in neighbouring States," the report added.

Ex-chairman of backward classes commission refutes claims of caste census report going missing

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Stating that all the reports related to the Socio-economic and Educational Survey (caste census) conducted by the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes during his tenure had been handed over to the commission, the former chairman of the commission H. Kantharaj on Saturday disputed claims that the original report has gone missing.

His comments on Saturday came following reports that the current chairman of the commission K. Jayaprakash Hegde had written to the government about the missing original report of the survey and also about the missing signature of the then member-secretary.

On reports on the original survey report going missing, he said all the volumes of the report were handed over to the then member-secretary Vasanth Kumar and were sealed in trunks. He said that the report is complete and ready can be submitted.

A file photo of details being collected from a resident of Bengaluru as part of caste census.

"The commission has submitted 36 reports – that are part of the original survey report – to the government already. These reports are recommendations to plan programmes for backward classes welfare," he told reporters here. The recommendations, included spelling changes, synonyms for castes, changes in categories, and inclusion into the backward classes list for reservation purposes based on memorandum that were recieved, he added.

Mr. Kantharaj said the data collected by the commission had been validated by the chairman, members, and member-secretary. While three member-secretaries served during the period, he said that only the last volume of the survey report does not have the signature of the member-secretary. "However, the member-secretary has signed for the proceeding copy of the meeting and discussion held in the commission on the subject."

Defending the survey, he said it was the most comprehensive survey conducted at the State level since the 1931 census, and that it adhered to the Supreme Court orders and constitutional provisions. "The government had ordered a survey in June 2014 even before our commission was set up. This was just not a caste survey. Details of as many as 55 parameters, including details on educational qualification, employment, and social and economic status were collected.

Mr. Kantharaj said that about 1.58 lakh enumerators have worked on the survey that was conducted at the cost of ₹158 crore. Prestigious institutions have certified that the report is comprehensive and scientific.

There is no need for Speaker's nod for giving consent to CBI probe: Kageri

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The former Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri on Saturday strongly denied the allegations of the Congress government in Karnataka that the erstwhile BJP government had erred by not consulting the Speaker while giving consent to the CBI to probe alleged disproportionate assets case against Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar.

Speaking to media persons in Bengaluru, Mr. Kageri maintained that the issue of granting consent to the CBI for a probe would not come under the purview of the Speaker. Making it clear that there was no need for the Speaker to give his consent for such a probe, he said: "It is unfortunate that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his government are dragging in the Speaker's post for an issue where the Speaker does not have any jurisdiction. Actually, it is an unpardonable crime that the State Cabinet has taken a stand that giving such consent for the CBI is not in accordance with the law by wrongly citing that the Speaker's approval was not taken then though the Speaker does not have anything to do with it."

Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri

Timing questioned

Alleging that the Cabinet's decision was not in tune with the dignity of the parliamentary system, he said it had made the State bend its head in shame before the country. Condemning the Cabinet's decision, he also questioned its timing as it had come at a time when the CBI and courts were getting ready to file chargesheets against Mr. Shivakumar.

Pointing out that Mr. Siddaramaiah had long years of political experience, Mr. Kageri alleged that the Chief Minister should go by his experience and conscience while making such decisions. The questionable decision of the Cabinet had indicated that Mr. Siddaramaiah might be working under some pressure, he said, and urged him to desist from succumbing to pressure.

Tiger attack: Combing operation starts at Hediyala range of Bandipur

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Combing operation involving over 100 Forest Department personnel has commenced at Balluruhundi in the Hediyala range of Bandipur National Park on Saturday a day after a woman was killed in a tiger attack.

The victim, Rathnamma, 49, was in the field tending to cattle when the tiger pounced on her and dragged her into the forest which abuts the village.

Senior Forest Department officials, including Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Kumar Pushkar, visited the spot on Saturday and offered condolences to members of the bereaved family.

Nanjangud MLA Darshan Dhruvanarayan also visited the spot and discussed the conflict issue with the Forest personnel. Compensation of ₹15 lakh has been sanctioned to the next of kin of the victim.

In a bid to capture the tiger, the authorities have set up 55 camera traps in and around Balluruhundi while a thermal drone is also being used to provide an aerial view of the terrain.

One of the four cages set up at a strategic location in a bid to capture the tiger at Hediyala range of Bandipur National Park on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Camera traps, cages

Ramesh Kumar, Director, Bandipur Tiger Reserve, said that in addition to establishing camera traps, four cages have also been placed at strategic places in a bid to capture the tiger without the need to dart and tranquillise it. Three elephants – Rohit, Parthasarathy and Hiranya – have been deployed for combing operations while personnel from the leopard task force, special tiger force and elephant task force are in position. By evening, pug marks were detected and the team was concentrating in that area.

The first task is to establish the identity of the tiger and Mr. Ramesh Kumar said that as per their data, there was only one tiger in the vicinity and hence identification and capture may not be difficult.

He said the village was at an aerial distance of 10 km from where a farmer also died in a tiger attack under similar circumstances in the Moliyur range on November 6. The terrestrial distance is about 19 km and hence it was unlikely that the same tiger was involved as the one at Moliyuru has been identified through camera trap images and the stripe pattern and its sex was different from the available data pertaining to the Hediyala tiger, said Mr. Ramesh Kumar. Besides, there are four tigers near the place where the farmer died in Moliyur range while there was only one tiger at this place.

While the operation at Moliyuru has not yielded any results the authorities have not given up but the combing team has been shifted to Hediyala. "The camera traps continue to be at the site in Moliyuru and there are staff monitoring them regularly and keeping a watch on the forest periphery," said Mr. Ramesh Kumar. Incidentally, a farmer was attacked by a tiger at Balluruhundi more than three weeks ago but he escaped without major injuries. The authorities suspect the involvement of the same tiger in the killing of Ratnamma.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

OBITUARY

With profound grief we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sensei

Dr. Daisaku Ikeda

Poet Laureate,
World Peace Ambassador, Buddhist Philosopher, Educator,
President, Soka Gakkai International, Honorary President, Soka Gakkai
Honorary Founder, Soka Ikeda College of Arts & Science for Women, Chennai.

who passed away on 15.11.2023
May His Soul Rest In Peace

Deeply mourned by
Dr. Sethu Kumanan, Chairman
Management, Principal, Staff & Students of
Soka Ikeda College of Arts & Science for Women, Chennai.
sokaikeda2000@gmail.com / www.sokaikedacollege.in

SETHU VALLIAMMAL EDUCATIONAL TRUST
Sethu Bhaskara Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Ambattur, Chennai
Sethu Bhaskara Industrial Training Centre, Kandramanickam
Sethu Irani Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Kandramanickam
Dr. Ikeda School for the Visually Challenged, Chennai
Sethu Bhaskara Agriculture College & Research Foundation, Karaikudi

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

15th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

K.M. KAMALAKSHI
D.O.D: 26.11.2008
Fondly remembered by:
Husband, Children & Grand Children

IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES

To dedicate a space in this section, Please contact:
Bengaluru: 98455 29981, 080 - 22071826
Hubballi: 0836 - 2338600
Mangaluru: 0824 - 2417575, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Rate for Karnataka:
Minimum: Rs. 320/- for 2 lines.
Extra line: Rs. 160/-
B/W Display: Rs. 95/- per sq.cm;
Colour Display: Rs. 105/- per sq.cm
For Placing Advertisements Online log on to www.thehinduads.com

DONATE EYES GIFT SIGHT

Get a flight-like feel on Vande Bharat trains soon

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

The travel experience on Vande Bharat trains is set to scale greater heights with the Indian Railways rolling out a new scheme to upgrade passenger services. As part of its initiative to bring about a qualitative shift in on-board services, the Railways have announced the launch of Yatri Seva Anubandh (YSA) as a pilot project in Southern Railway covering six pairs of Vande Bharat Express trains.

In a note, the Railway Board said the pilot initiative was aimed at enhancing passenger experience, providing greater choice in food and beverages, and ensuring ease of travel by offering additional value-added services to passengers such as concierge services, onboard infotainment and access to travel essentials and accessories.

"Vande Bharat is a game-changer train for Indian Railways. With the introduction of YSA, we will be taking on board services to world-class standards. The passengers would have an enjoyable experience comparable to the aviation industry, be it hospitality, quality of food or travel comforts. We are happy that the pilot project is being implemented in Southern Railway," a senior railway official told *The Hindu* on Saturday.

Welcome onboard: There will be concierge services, greater choice in food and beverages as well as sale of essentials. M. MOORTHY

Under the new scheme, the Railways would provide concierge services such as cab arrival/departure, wheelchair and buggy drive assistance at originating/ destination stations. Onboard infotainment system would ensure seamless transmission of quality content.

The Railways have laid special emphasis on cleanliness. A service provider with a proven track record in catering, housekeeping etc will be appointed for implementing YSA. The contractor would deploy one housekeeping person in each coach. Such personnel should have been trained from institutions accredited under the *Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana* or by the All India Institute of Local Self Government, New Delhi, or any other government recognised training institute.

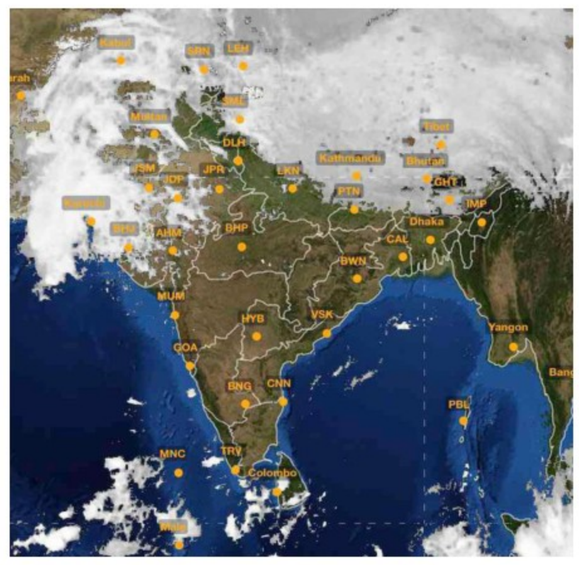
An exclusive food menu would be offered to passengers with a variety of dishes both for prepaid on board delivery or *ala carte* services at reasonable and comparable market rates.

The upgraded service also comes with on-board sale of travel essentials. The contractor can sell any other product except those prohibited under law.

Vande Bharat trains are operated in Southern Railway on the Chennai-Mysore, Chennai-Tirunelveli, Chennai-Coimbatore, Thiruvananthapuram-Kasargod and Chennai-Vijayawada routes. It is not clear which the sixth route will be yet.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, east Rajasthan, west Madhya Pradesh, central Maharashtra and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Konkan & Goa, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	28.8	17.1	Kozhikode	—	35.0	25.3
Ahmedabad	—	31.1	19.8	Kurnool	0.5	32.4	23.5
Aizawl	—	28.5	11.8	Lucknow	—	28.0	13.5
Allahabad	—	29.9	12.5	Madurai	0.2	32.2	24.1
Bengaluru	—	26.7	20.2	Mangaluru	2	33.6	24.2
Bhopal	—	30.3	13.6	Mumbai	—	35.7	24.0
Bhubaneswar	—	28.7	19.2	Mysuru	—	29.0	24.4
Chandigarh	—	27.1	12.3	New Delhi	—	25.9	10.2
Chennai	0.3	30.2	24.3	Patna	—	27.7	13.6
Coimbatore	0.7	30.8	23.2	Port Blair	—	31.8	26.7
Dehradun	—	27.8	10.0	Puducherry	32.6	31.8	24.4
Gangtok	—	18.0	10.4	Pune	—	30.8	19.9
Goa	—	34.0	24.4	Raipur	—	30.4	19.4
Guwahati	—	30.2	16.4	Ranchi	—	27.2	13.4
Hubballi	—	29.0	22.0	Shillong	—	20.6	9.8
Hyderabad	0.1	28.2	21.3	Shimla	—	18.6	9.5
Imphal	—	25.5	10.3	Srinagar	—	14.5	-1.0
Jaipur	—	26.5	14.0	Thiruvananthapuram	—	33.8	24.9
Kochi	—	32.6	25.0	Tiruchi	0.6	32.1	24.6
Kohima	—	20.2	8.4	Vijayawada	—	31.4	23.8
Kolkata	—	29.4	20.0	Visakhapatnam	—	31.0	25.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	4	6	.32	218	204	
Bengaluru	9	31	.47	46	86	
Chennai	.14	55	.45	64	58	
Delhi	8	108	.95	417	397	
Hyderabad	2	30	.61	93	119	
Kolkata	.13	.74	.19	245	161	
Lucknow	7	76	103	324	223	
Mumbai	.11	32	—	207	141	
Pune	129	210	111	227	131	
Visakhapatnam	9	34	.47	—	—	—

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Hanumangarh, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 447 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Ariyalur, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 11

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

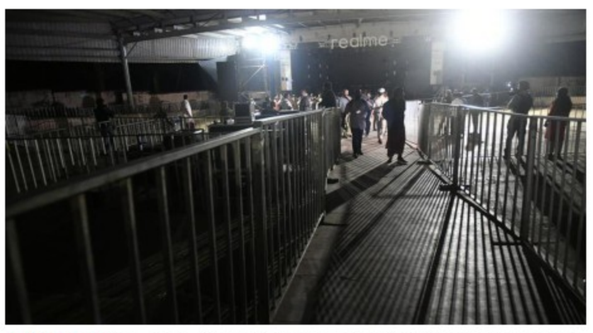
PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

4 students die in stampede at Cochin University fest

Two sustain serious injuries in the melee as sudden rain forced hundreds of students waiting outside to rush into the CUSAT auditorium that was already packed with a 1,000-strong crowd

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

At least four students were killed and 61 injured in a stampede at an auditorium on the main campus of the Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT) where a tech fest was concluding on Saturday. Two of the injured are reported to be in a serious condition.



Fatal turn: The open-air auditorium on the CUSAT campus where a stampede occurred on Saturday. THULASI KAKKAT

The stamped occurred around 7.30 p.m. just before the start of a concert by playback singer Nikhita Gandhi. The auditorium was packed with over a 1,000 students. Hundreds of students who were waiting outside rushed in when there was a sudden downpour and they fell on those who were standing on the steps leading to the auditorium below.

Three of the deceased have been identified as Atul Thampi, a second year civil engineering student from Koothattukulam; Sarah Thomas, a second year student from Thamarassery; and Ann Rufta, a second year electronics student from North Paravur. The fourth student is from outside Kerala. Forty-six injured students were admitted to the Government Medical College Hospital, Ernakulam, and 15 to Kinder Hospital in the vicinity.

Eyewitnesses said the auditorium was jampacked before the start of the music show. Those who rushed in did not realise that they were running into students, said an eyewitness.

Telangana no place for BRS, Cong.: PM

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Prime Minister Narendra Modi flayed the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) as 'Nizamshahi' and termed the Congress 'Sultanshahi' while pointing out that the winds of change are now blowing strongly in favour of the BJP.

"The Nizamshahi BRS and Sultanshahi Congress have no place in Telangana now as the winds of change are blowing strongly in favour of the BJP and it's for the people to sail with the winds and get a Backward Class leader as their Chief Minister," Mr. Modi said.

Addressing election rallies at Kamareddy and Maheshwaram on Saturday, he alleged that both the Congress and the BRS would only think about their families as they were "selfish and corrupt" and it was only the BJP that would think about people and the future generations. The BRS had betrayed people with its misrule and neglect and same was the track record of the Congress for decades.

Stating that BJP was the only party that would stand by its promises, Mr. Modi said the party would make a BC leader the Chief Minister of Telangana. He said he would see a ray of hope for change among Telangana's people whenever he came here as they were fed up with the nine-and-a-half-year rule of the BRS and 50-year rule of the Congress.

INBRIEF

T.N. govt. flayed for gathering 'caste details' of passengers

AIADMK's general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami on Saturday assailed the DMK government for reportedly trying to collect caste details of women passengers using buses run by the State Transport Corporations.

"Nowhere else in the world, transport organisations gather such details from passengers. Already, caste-related untoward incidents have occurred in some districts which the DMK government has not been able to control," he said in a statement, referring to the purported survey to find out details, including name, age, contact number and caste of every woman passenger.

Under such circumstances, it was difficult to understand whether the government had pondered over consequences, should the process of gathering such information be extended to the rest of the State, from the existing Kancheepuram, Chengalpattu and Tiruvallur districts. "Before embarking on this exercise on such a sensitive matter, did the regime consult senior Ministers or experienced government officers?" Mr. Palaniswami asked.

Sale of shawarma stopped in 148 outlets in Kerala

The Food Safety wing conducted widespread checks across Kerala, focussing on food outlets selling shawarma. On Saturday, 88 special squads conducted inspections in 1,287 food outlets, following which, the sale of shawarma was stopped in 148 outlets. It was on Tuesday, while hearing a writ petition filed by the mother of a young victim of food poisoning at Kasaragod in 2022, that the Kerala High Court directed authorities to ensure that all guidelines it had issued earlier on the safe preparation of shawarma were being followed by food outlets.

Two arrested in Vizag fishing harbour fire accident case

One week after the fire accident at the fishing harbour in Visakhapatnam destroyed 48 boats and caused huge financial loss, the police arrested two persons – a man and his uncle – whose negligence was allegedly responsible for the blaze. One of them left a half-burnt cigarette butt on a boat, which eventually led to the fire, the police said. The duo, both local residents, panicked after seeing the fire and fled from the spot, which was caught by the CCTV cameras in the vicinity, the police said.

We are confronted with fundamental questions about ethical treatments of artificial intelligence, says CJI

Press Trust of India
BENGALURU

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on Saturday said identity and its recognition by the State plays a crucial part in what resources people get and their ability to express their grievances and demand their rights.

Addressing the plenary session of the 36th 'LAWASIA' conference virtually, he spoke on 'Identity, the Individual and the State - New Paths to liberty'.

LAWASIA is a regional association of lawyers, judges, jurists, and legal organisations, which advocates for the interests and concerns of the Asia Pacific legal progression.

D.Y. Chandrachud

Noting that liberty is the ability to make choices for oneself and change our course of life, the Chief Justice said identity intersects with the person's agency and life choices.

"As lawyers, we are constantly confronted with this intersection and the role of the State to limit or expand the life opportunities of the people. While the relationship between the state and liberty has been understood widely, the task of establishing and explaining the relationship between identity and liberty is incomplete," he said.

Traditionally, liberty has been understood as the absence of State interference in a person's right to make choices. However, contemporary scholars have come to the conclusion that the role of the State in perpetuating social prejudices and hierarchies cannot be ignored, Chief Justice Chandrachud said. "In effect, whether the state does not intervene, it automatically allows communities with social and economic capital to exercise dominance over communities who have been historically marginalised."

He also said people who face marginalisation because of their caste, race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation would always face oppression in a traditional, liberal paradigm. This empowers the socially dominant.

Citing English philosopher John Stuart Mill's book on Liberty published in 1859, he said the author discussed the historical struggle between liberty and authority describing the tyranny of the government which in his view needs to be controlled by the liberty of citizens.

Mill devised this control of authority into two mechanisms. Firstly, necessity rights belonging to the citizens and secondly that there must be constitutional checks for the community to consent to the impacts of the governing path, according to him.

He also spoke how in the digital age "we are faced with several fascinating aspects of artificial intelligence (AI)".

"There is a complex interplay between artificial intelligence and personhood where we find ourselves navigating uncharted territories that demand both philosophical reflection and practical considerations." In contemplating the intersection of AI and personhood, "we are confronted with fundamental questions about the ethical treatment of these technologies...."

He cited an example of a human robot (Sophia) which was granted citizenship (in Saudi Arabia) and said, "We must reflect on whether all humans who live, breathe and walk are entitled to personhood and citizenship based on their identity."

Disgruntled BJP leaders of Karnataka likely to visit Delhi on December 7

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Disgruntled BJP leaders are likely to visit Delhi to meet the party central leaders on December 7.

"Five to six senior BJP leaders, including myself, will visit Delhi from December 7 to 10 and meet the party central leaders," the former Minister V. Somanna, who is reported to be unhappy with the party not considering him for the party State president's post, told reporters.

Though he denied that they were dissatisfied, Mr. Somanna said: "We are all senior leaders and have our own thoughts and experience. We need to share our thoughts with the party's central leaders. There is a saying that even the mother will not feed her baby if it does not cry. Hence we are going to meet the central leaders," he said. Making it clear that he is not alone, he said a group of senior leaders, including Basanagouda Patil Yatnal, Arvind Bellad, Aravind Limbavali, and Ramesh Jarkiholi would join him in the Delhi visit.

V. Somanna

Earlier in the day, Mr. Somanna, who met the seer of Siddaganga Mutt in Tumakuru, told the seer that quitting his home Assembly constituency of Govindarajanagar in Bengaluru for a dual contest from Varuna and Chamarajanagar seats was a blunder.

Indicating that the BJP central leaders had brought pressure on him for such a dual contest, he said: "What can I do if Union Home Minister Amit Shah sits in my house to convince me?"

Indian, Italian firms to set up joint venture in T.N. defence corridor

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Indian firm Merlinhawk Aerospace Pvt. Ltd. signed a joint venture agreement with Italy's Vega Composites S.r.l. to establish a manufacturing and design facility in the Tamil Nadu defence corridor for advanced composite material-based products.

The new entity will be called Merlinhawk Composites and Engineering Pvt. Ltd. An agreement was signed in the presence of the Indian Ambassador to Italy and San Marino, Neena Malhotra. The joint venture is aimed at tapping the growing market of India, according to a release.

Aditya-L1 may enter orbit on Jan. 7: ISRO

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) expects its Aditya-L1 solar probe to enter into orbit around Lagrangian point L1 on January 7, Chairman of the space agency S. Somanath said here on Saturday.

Mr. Somanath, who was here for the 60th anniversary celebrations of the first rocket launch from Thumba, said the Aditya-L1 mission is now in the final phase of its long journey to L1 point. "The current date for entering into orbit around L1 is January 7," he said.

One of the five Lagrangian points or 'equilibrium points' in the sun-earth system, L1 is about 1.5 million kilometres from the earth between the planet and the sun.

The ISRO plans to place the probe in a halo orbit at this vantage point in space to carry out studies with its seven scientific payloads.

The ISRO had launched the Aditya-L1 mission aboard the PSLV-C57 on September 2 this year.

Humanoid on board

The ISRO expects to launch the G-X unmanned orbital demonstration flight ahead of the Gaganyaan manned mission in the first half of 2024.

The mission is likely to have on board 'Vyommitra', the humanoid designed and developed by the ISRO Inertial Systems Unit (IISU), Mr. Somanath said.

From Page One

Rescue 'dangerous', may take a 'long time': NDMA

With regard to vertical drilling, Mr. Hasnain said the machinery has to be first transported to the drilling site above the roof of the tunnel. "Once this machinery is placed there, vertical drilling from this point can begin. This machine will have to traverse a depth of 86 metres, and then break the tunnel crust which is beneath," he said. A third option was a drift tunnel, he added.

Noting that the rescue process was "dangerous", the NDMA member said that whichever method is used, "everyone will need to keep their patience and not put pressure on the rescue workers". Efforts are being made to maintain the morale and motivation of the relatives of the trapped men, as this rescue operation may go on for a "long time", he added.

Top priority: CM

The Chief Minister also told journalists that all possible options are being explored. "PM Modi is concerned about the situation and the condition of the workers. We are expecting and hoping that the operation is completed as soon as possible," Mr. Dhami said.

He entered the tunnel to take stock of the rescue work and check the quality of food being sent to the trapped workers. Using a temporary communication channel, he assured them that rescue efforts are being undertaken on a war footing. Mr. Dhami told journalists that all the trapped workers are fine and hopeful.

Devender Kissu could not hold back his tears after speaking to his brother Virender, who is stuck inside, on Saturday. He told *The Hindu* that his brother has stopped eating as he is now facing depression. "It's the toughest time of our life and we don't know how long it will last," said Mr. Kissu who is not considering returning to his village in Bihar until Virender comes out.

A BSNL landline facility has been set up inside the tunnel to keep the trapped workers connected to their family members, and the telecom firm is also planning to send in a handset.

Rajasthan records 71.64% turnout

Superintendent of Police Paris Deshmukh said seven persons had been detained in connection with the incident. In Bari constituency, two vehicles were damaged and the polling was stopped for some time when a polling agent and an unidentified person had an altercation.

A polling agent of a BJP candidate in Pali and an elderly voter in Udaipur died of cardiac arrest during the day. There were more than 5.25 crore registered voters in the 199 constituencies, while 1,862 candidates were in the fray. First-time voters showed enthusiasm as they queued up at the polling stations since early morning to cast their votes.

CM Ashok Gehlot, accompanied by his family members, cast his vote at a polling booth in Mahamandir area of his constituency, Sardarpura, in Jodhpur district. "Since the people are voting on our governance, schemes and guarantees, we are confident that the Congress will form the government again," he said.

BJP State president C.P. Joshi, who cast his ballot in Chittorgarh, said the Congress government would get a "befitting reply". Former Deputy CM and Congress candidate from Tonk, Sachin Pilot said the Congress would form the government again with a comfortable majority.

Govt. invites civil society leaders from Leh and Kargil for dialogue

Leh Apex Body, Kargil Democratic Alliance have chosen seven members each to present their demands ; they have been demanding statehood for Ladakh, inclusion in the Sixth Schedule, reservation in jobs, and representation in Parliament

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The Home Ministry has invited civil society leaders from Leh and Kargil for discussions on December 4.

The initiative by the government comes amid frequent protests in Ladakh seeking statehood, constitutional safeguards for the Union Territory, and other demands.

Earlier, the Ministry constituted a high-powered committee chaired by Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai to "ensure protection of land and employment" for the people of Ladakh, but leaders from Leh and Kargil rejected the initiative.

A protester from Ladakh holds a placard demanding statehood during a protest in New Delhi on February 16. AP

Possible 'deadlock'

This time, the Leh Apex Body (LAB) and the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) have chosen seven members each from their respective regions to present their demands before the Centre. Chering Dorjay Lakrook, one of the members of the LAB who resigned from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in 2020, said they would press for their four demands at the meeting – statehood for Ladakh, the inclusion of Ladakh in the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution, reservation in jobs for local people, and one Lok Sabha seat each for Leh and Kargil.

Mr. Lakrook said, "Earlier, the members of the committee were selected by the government. It was not acceptable to us. The agenda of the December 4 meeting is clear, we will not climb down on our four demands. If they do not agree, there may be a deadlock."

Ready for talks

Sajjad Kargili of the KDA said the last meeting with the Ministry was held in June.

For the next meeting, the Chief Executive Councillor of Leh and Kargil would also be present. He said no agenda had been shared with them yet.

"We welcome and [are] ready for dialogue with an open heart and mind. On December 4, the people of Ladakh will reiterate four crucial demands: statehood, Sixth Schedule, job reservations and PSC, and representation in Parliament for both #Kargil and #Leh," Mr. Kargili posted on X (formerly Twitter).

On August 5, 2019, the former State of Jammu and Kashmir was bifurcated into the Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh, the latter without a Legislative Assembly.

Since the removal of its special status, several political groups have been demanding that land, employment, and the cultural identity of Ladakh be protected under the Sixth Schedule, an Article of the Constitution that protects tribal populations through creation of autonomous development councils which can frame laws on land, public health, agriculture. As of now, 10 autonomous councils exist in tribal areas of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs tabled a report in the the Rajya Sabha in 2022 which said that as per the 2011 Census, the tribal population in Ladakh was 2,18,355, which is 79.61% of the total population of 2,74,289.

CBI studying complaint sent by Lokpal against Mahua

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is looking into a complaint forwarded by the Lokpal regarding an allegation against Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra related to certain questions raised by her in the Lok Sabha, according to sources.

Clarifying that no preliminary inquiry has been instituted against Ms. Moitra so far, a source said the agency is examining the Lokpal reference.

Last month, BJP MP Nishikant Dubey had lodged a complaint with the Lokpal alleging that bribes were taken in exchange for raising questions. She has been accused of sharing her Lok Sabha log-in credentials and password with Dubai-based industrialist Darshan Hiranandani. Mr. Dubey had also filed a complaint with Speaker Om Birla, which was referred to the Ethics Committee of the Lok Sabha.

Ms. Moitra has denied the bribery charge.

JD(U) plans to reach out to SCs in Bihar with *Bhim Sansad*

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

Following the caste survey and the increase in reservation for the Other Backward Classes, the Extremely Backward Classes, and the Scheduled Tribes, the Janata Dal(U) government in Bihar is set to host a *Bhim Sansad* in Patna on Sunday to reach out to the Scheduled Castes.

The mega meeting is set to be inaugurated by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. "Over a lakh people from across the State will be participating in the *Bhim Sansad* tomorrow," said Minister Ashok Choudhary.

Mr. Choudhary, along with party leaders and Ministers from the Scheduled Caste community such as Ratnesh Sada and Sunil Kumar, has been touring different districts for weeks to mobilise people for the *Bhim Sansad*.

The caste survey revealed that SCs (19.65%), OBCs (27.12%), and EBCs (36.01%) together account for over 82% of the State's population.

"The idea behind the *Sansad* is to work towards equality in society, which our government has been doing for long with its slogan 'Development with justice'," said Mr. Choudhary. "In our *Bhim Sansad*, we are meeting people across the State to tell them to join hands together."

Another senior JD(U) leader, preferring anonymity, said, "Now the caste survey report has shown SCs and EBCs as big social groups and we have started reaching out to them. A similar meeting for EBCs is also on the cards."

Rejection by Governor does not mean death of Bill: Supreme Court

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court, in a 27-page judgment, has clarified that the rejection of a Bill by a Governor does not mean its death.

Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, writing for a three-judge Bench, held that a law proposed by a State legislature is not extinguished merely because the Governor refuses to sign his assent.

The judgment explains that the substantive portion of Article 200 of the Constitution provides the Governor with three options when presented with a Bill – consent to the proposed law, withhold consent, or reserve the Bill for the consideration of the President.

The first proviso of Article 200 goes on to say that the Governor may send the withheld Bill, if it is not a Money Bill, back to the House as soon as possible with a message suggesting amendments or requesting the Assembly to re-consider the Bill or specific provisions of it. The judgment holds that the first proviso does not offer the Governor a fourth contingency.

> The Governor is under Article 168 a part of the legislature and is bound by the constitutional regime
> SUPREME COURT

The court clarified that the Governor cannot choose between letting a Bill die after rejecting it and sending it back to the House for re-legislation.

The Chief Justice held that a Governor should necessarily return a Bill to the House for re-legislation after deciding to withhold consent. The court held that the procedure enumerated in the first proviso was the mandatory follow-up to the Governor's choice of withholding consent. Thus, the court has inextricably linked the withholding of consent with the return of the Bill to the House for reconsideration.

The court had made it clear that the final word belongs to the legislature. Once the House re-passes the returned Bill, with or without amendments, the Governor has no choice but to grant consent.

"The Governor as the unelected head of State would be in a position to virtually veto the functioning of the legislative domain by a duly elected legislature by simply declaring that assent is withheld without any further recourse. Such a course of action would be contrary to fundamental principles of a constitutional democracy based on a parliamentary pattern of governance. The Governor is under Article 168 a part of the legislature and is bound by the constitutional regime," the court held.

The judgment is based on a petition filed by the Punjab government against its Governor.

Army finalises ammunition requirement for 10 years, banks on indigenous manufacturing

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Against the backdrop of the Ladakh stand-off and the war in Ukraine, a clear road map is in place for ammunition procurement and the requirement for 10 years has been finalised, defence sources have said on the efforts to secure supply chains and avoid any impact on operational preparedness.

Already, about 85% of the ammunition requirement has been indigenised, from both the public and private sectors, sources said.

"The aim is to build up ammunition stocks to desired levels, minimise imports and achieve self-sufficiency in the country, have multiple sources of supply, and possess indigenous manufacturing capability," a defence source in the know said. "First step is to indigenise all import-dependent ammunition – major platforms with long-term requirement."

Becoming self-sufficient: Indigenisation of more than 30 variants of ammunition, amounting to about ₹16,000 crore, is under way.

As part of this, indigenisation of more than 30 variants, amounting to about ₹16,000 crores, is under way and five or six variants of ammunition have been identified for production through the Indian industry, which will expand the indigenous vendor base, the source said. "Subsequently, next-generation high-tech ammunition based on research and development is being identified for in-house development."

On the broad break-up of ammunition procurement between domestic production and imports, sources said that about 85% of the ammunition has been indigenised, with a bulk of it being met by the Defence Public Sector Undertakings and the rest by the Indian industry. Less than 10% is met purely through direct imports and there is also some amount of legacy platforms in small numbers that are in the process of being phased out, a second source said.

The armed forces had undertaken major procurement and stocking of spares and ammunition under the three rounds of emergency financial powers granted by the Defence Ministry – the first time after the 2016 Uri terror attack in 2016, followed by the 2019 Balakot air strikes, and the 2020 stand-off with China in eastern Ladakh. The fourth round of emergency procurement was completed recently. This has ensured enough stocks of critical ammunition and helped offset delays to some extent in deliveries of spares, components and ammunition since the war in Ukraine broke out in February 2022, as reported by *The Hindu* earlier.

For the Army, most of its armoured fleet is of Russian-origin and the air defence has several legacy systems. Ten to 12 ammunition categories in over 30 variants are being indigenised on priority, with a particular emphasis on air defence, mechanised infantry, armoured and artillery, the first source stated, adding that these cases were currently undergoing field trials. While earlier efforts to open up ammunition manufacturing to the private sector had not made progress, several Indian private companies are now in the race to manufacture ammunition in the country.

Ammunition stocking is generally done in terms of requirements for intense wars and normal wars and broadly factors in 30 days of intense fighting and 30 days of normal fighting.

Ahead of Lok Sabha election, Trinamool, BJP reach out to supporters of other parties

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Ahead of the Lok Sabha election in 2024, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Trinamool Congress are reaching out to supporters of other political parties in West Bengal.

Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Suvendu Adhikari, while giving a call to BJP supporters to join a rally on November 29 in Kolkata which is likely to be addressed by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, said all those who had been deprived of their rights should join the gathering.

"All those who have been deprived should join the rally. This is a fight for justice," Mr. Adhikari said in a video message on Saturday.

This is not the first time that the BJP leader has called supporters of other political parties to rally with the BJP in West Bengal. Raising questions about the Indian National Development, Inclusive Alliance in which the Left parties and the Trinamool had come together, the Nandigram MLA asked Left supporters to join the BJP in the State if they were serious in defeating the Trinamool Congress.

Suvendu Adhikari

Mamata's condition

A few days ago, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee urged party leaders to allow political activists from other parties to join the Trinamool. "Let leaders of other parties join the Trinamool, provided they are good people," Ms. Banerjee said on Thursday.

On Saturday, Trinamool Congress spokesperson Kunal Ghosh referred to the Chief Minister's remarks, and said the party leadership would decide on who from the BJP would be allowed to join the party. Mr. Ghosh said that several leaders of the BJP were keen on joining the Trinamool.

While the BJP leaders were vying for the support of Left cadres, more than half-a-dozen MLAs of the BJP have joined Trinamool.

Two BJP leaders who were elected MPs in the 2019 Lok Sabha election – Arjun Singh from Barrackpore and Babul Supriyo from Asansol – have defected to the Trinamool.

ASSEMBLY POLLS 2023

'Rahul's *panauti* jibe at Modi below the belt'

Describing Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's *panauti* comments against Prime Minister Narendra Modi as "below the belt", Union Home Minister and BJP leader Amit Shah on Saturday said people will give a befitting reply to such remarks in the upcoming Telangana Assembly election. "Whenever below-the-belt language was used about the Prime Minister, people have given a befitting reply in whichever State in the country. I am confident that voters of Telangana would give a fitting reply through voting on this language which is below the belt," Mr. Shah said.

Telangana goes to the polls on November 30 and the results will be declared on December 3.

Mr. Rahul Gandhi had used the barb against the Prime Minister during his election speech in Rajasthan. PTI

Amit Shah addressing a press conference in Hyderabad on Saturday. G. RAMAKRISHNA

Polling agent dies in Rajasthan

A polling agent of a BJP candidate died from suspected cardiac arrest in Pali district of Rajasthan on Saturday.

Polling for the Rajasthan Assembly election began at 7 a.m. on Saturday.

An official said, Shanti Lal, a polling agent at booth number 47 in the Sumerpur Assembly constituency, collapsed at the centre. He was taken to the district hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival.

"Suspected cause is heart attack," the official said.

Lal was a polling agent of Joraram Kumawat, the BJP candidate from Sumerpur.

On Saturday, polling is being held in 199 out of the 200 Assembly constituencies in the State. Elections in Karanpur in Sriganganagar have been postponed due to the demise of the Congress candidate. PTI

> Fate of candidates belonging to different ideologies is ultimately decided by the Janta Janardan, who "reigns supreme" in democracy

SACHIN PILOT
Congress leader

Palawala Jatan village in Jaipur boycotts polls

As people queue outside polling booths across Rajasthan to cast their votes, the villagers of Palawala Jatan have boycotted the elections as a show of resentment towards public representatives in the area.

The boycott is in support of their demand to connect Palawala Jatan to Tunga. ANI

> Rajasthan showed the worst example of hate politics in last five years... BJP cares for Rajasthan... Congress will get to know that on Dec. 3

RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE
BJP leader

Humour and local stars to appeal to younger voters

Syed Mohammed
HYDERABAD

A dash of sarcasm, a hint of humour, a short jig and a flash of anger. These are some of the ingredients of videos – skits and songs – that content creators working for political parties have been using to reach out to the younger voters. The idea is for voters to consume their content, and drive their narrative in Telangana's native tongues.

To add to the allure, local stars such as Adnan Sajid, the actor who essayed the role of the bumbling gangster Gullu Dada, and Aziz Naser, who played the role of Jahangir, the neighbourhood impish wise guy in the popular *The Angrez*, have been roped in.

Naser, in the role of a man wearing a pink *sherwani*, wishes to snatch a few minutes from the family meeting to speak to his potential bride only to be interrupted by her terror-of-a father. Thus begins the pre-marital interrogation on the man's political awareness. The show ends with the prospective groom checkmating the father of the bride as he retorts: "*Pichhle dus saal ka kaam dekho aur aakhaan kholo* (open your eyes and see the work that was done in the last 10 years). Needless to say, he wins the girl's heart. Then comes the Bharat Rashtra Samithi punchline: "*Humaara kaam hai humari pehchaan, car* [BRS's election symbol] *hai apne hyderabad ki shaan*". It isn't just the BRS that have used humour and sarcasm. The Congress has done it too with the trope of a lorry driver singing on the highway.

FOR FULL COVERAGE OF ASSEMBLY POLLS
Please scan the QR code or visit
https://newsth.live/elections

With Turmeric Board set to be a reality, no yellow twist this time

Turmeric spiced up 2014 and 2018 Assembly and 2019 Lok Sabha elections in Armoor and Balkonda constituencies of Nizamabad district, but with the Prime Minister announcing the formation of the Board, it has lost campaign currency

GROUND REPORT

Ravi Reddy
ARMOOR

As one drives through the vast expanse of fields along National Highways 44 and 63 criss-crossing the Armoor and Balkonda Assembly constituencies of Nizamabad district in Telangana, what catches the eye is the turmeric crop in various stages.

Turmeric spiced up the Assembly elections of 2014 and 2018 and the Lok Sabha election in 2019 in this region, but seems to have lost its sheen this time. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement that a National Turmeric Board will be set up in Nizamabad at public meetings in the district and in Mahabubnagar in October has fulfilled a long-term demand of farmers and hence it ceased to be an election issue. However, conversations with progressive farmers from these two constituencies indicate that they are not taking the announcement seriously.

These farmers can make or mar the chances of any candidate in the region, strongly backed by the powerful Grama Abhivruddhi Sangham or village development committees. In 2014, turmeric farmers themselves entered the electoral field with 27 nominations, and followed up in the 2019 Lok Sabha election with 183 in the fray. In fact, 35 farmers from Nizamabad travelled all the way to Varanasi to file their nominations to contest against the Prime Minister in the Uttar Pradesh constituency.

Relentless fight: Turmeric farmers working their field in Telangana's Nizamabad district. NAGARA GOPAL

Former MP and Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha, who had promised to take up the demand for the Turmeric Board in 2014, knows first-hand how the issue can turn counter-productive. In the 2019 election, the 183 turmeric farmers who entered the fray as Independents played spoiler, garnering over one lakh votes and resulting in her stunning defeat at the hands of BJP candidate Dharmapuri Arvind.

The BJP MP then signed a document on bond paper vowing to quit if he was not able to get the Turmeric Board for Nizamabad. He too faced the wrath of the farmers wherever he went and as a result instead of a Turmeric Board, what the Centre earlier announced was setting up of a regional office of the Spices Board in 2021 after an uproar, and it did not go down well with the farmers.

The long-pending demand has always dominated the elections in Nizamabad where the farmers' progressive methods have made them super-rich. But the grandiose announcement by Mr. Modi has not been taken seriously by sections of farmers or the villagers across the two constituencies. Armoor is a hub of turmeric cultivation and the farmers do not hesitate to invest heavily in the hope of getting good returns.

Turmeric is grown extensively in old Nizamabad and Karimnagar districts which account for a third of the crop in Telangana. Turmeric is raised on about 2.5 lakh acres in Nizamabad, Karimnagar, Adilabad and partly in Warangal and Ranga Reddy district. The Nizamabad Agriculture Market Yard is the biggest turmeric market in Telangana.

Musku Sayi Reddy, former District Cooperative Marketing Society chairman of Nizamabad, who hails from Munipalli village in Armoor mandal, says the farmers have been fighting for a Board and the MSP. "Till the farmers are assured of the MSP, there is no meaning in helping them. We invest about ₹1.5 lakh an acre and the yield is 25 quintals an acre. The return on this is ₹1.25 lakh an acre, which does not even cover the cost of investment," he lamented.

Katipally Narsa Reddy, former sarpanch of Jakranpally and a big turmeric farmer, made light of the Prime Minister's announcement. "If the BJP government was so sincere in its promise of setting up a Turmeric Board why the Prime Minister did not lay the foundation stone. This only shows that they wanted to only woo the voters with this promise yet again," he said.

A turmeric farmer, Bhoja, of Nuthpally village in Nandipet mandal too is sceptical of the BJP promise. "Till the BJP proves its real intent by laying the foundation stone in Nizamabad, no one is going to believe them," he said.

Kotapati Narasimham Naidu, founder president of the Telangana State Turmeric Farmers Association and an influential leader among the turmeric growers, is bitter at the promise. "Days after the announcement of board, Shiv Sena MP from Hingoli has said that Sangli is the biggest turmeric market. Hence, the NTB should come up in Maharashtra only," he said.

"After the announcement, the gazette has been issued, but there is no mention whether the NTB will be set up in Nizamabad or even in Telangana. Whom are these leaders fooling," he said.

Chidambaram slams 'misuse' of Central agencies

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Former Union Minister P. Chidambaram on Saturday said the misuse of Central agencies was so apparent that it did not even require an argument in a court of law.

In a post on X, Mr. Chidambaram said four Congress candidates in the Telangana election had been summoned or had their premises searched by the investigating agencies in the middle of the election campaign.

"One of them was the chairman of the BJP's manifesto committee and resigned from the BJP on November 1. To the best of my knowledge, no candidate of the BJP has been searched by the agencies," Mr. Chidambaram said.

'People of god'

His tweet comes days after the Enforcement Directorate (ED) searched the premises of former MP G. Vivekanand, who had shifted from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to the Congress and is now contesting the Assembly election.

In a sarcastic post, he said, "It is obvious that all candidates of the BJP were chosen by the gods and carry divine blessings. In fact, if the BJP is elected, the party will take the people of Telangana straight to heaven."

On the draw

BJP seeks action against Gandhis for defying model code of conduct

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has filed separate complaints against Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra with the Election Commission for allegedly violating the "48-hour silence zone" for campaigning by making posts on social media platforms to "influence voters". The ruling party urged the poll panel to take action against both the leaders under relevant provisions of the Representation of the People Act.

'Irreparable injury'

The BJP said in the complaints that both Mr. Rahul Gandhi and Ms. Vadra demonstrated "incorrigible electoral behaviour" by repeatedly violating the law and the model code of conduct. The party urged the commission to direct social media platform X to immediately suspend the accounts of both the leaders and remove their statements alluring voters on the day of polling as it violated the 48-hour silence zone and "caused irreparable injury to the doctrine of free and fair elections".

The tweets by the Congress leaders promising implementation of schemes for free medical treatment, cheaper gas cylinders, procurement of cow dung, restoring old pension scheme and making housing a right have irked the BJP.

'Wealth and power stayed in KCR's family for 9 years'

Not much has changed for the people of Telangana and that is why the BRS should be voted out in this election, says the senior Congress leader

INTERVIEW

Jairam Ramesh

R. Ravikanth Reddy

Senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said not much has changed for the people of Telangana in the past nine years as the concentration of wealth and power only transferred from a "narrow group", as alleged by then TRS chief K. Chandrashekhar, to his family once he came to power. That is one of the reasons he should be voted out, he said in an interview with *The Hindu*.

Why should people vote against Mr. KCR?

The reasons are numerous and [connected to] how a democratic Telangana has turned into an autocratic State under a Chief Minister who has not visited the Secretariat in the past nine years, thus destroying the governance structure, and to power remaining in one man and his family. There has not been a single Group-I notification in nine years and the announced one is in legal issues with paper leaks.

The road to jobs was closed to youngsters, who saw a big dream in a separate Telangana. The concentration of wealth remained in and around Hyderabad, thus cutting off the districts from development despite the resources available. In fact, 90% of investments were in Hyderabad alone. There was no effort to spread and scatter the wealth to rural areas.

Congress did not look so strong till last year. What has contributed to its sudden growth?

I agree that 14 months ago, the situation was different with confidence quite low and the House too looked divided and the BJP was perceived as strong enough to take on the ruling BRS. In fact, poll strategist Prashant Kishor, who was working for the BRS, suggested to Mr. KCR to tie up with Congress to counter the BJP's growth.

But the Bharat Jodo Yatra of Rahul Gandhi planted the seeds of change. It helped the party leaders stay back with hope while those who left wanted to come back.

Since your focus is on farmers' welfare, what are your promises to the agriculture sector?

Our strength is Rythu Bharosa where not only the farmers but also the tenants would get monetary support.

In Telangana, 36% of the land is under tenant farmers and we need to take care of them. The landless agriculture labourers too will get ₹12,000 per annum. Agriculture loans would be written off. The agriculture crisis has to be tackled and that is why these schemes will be helpful.

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS, TIRUPATI
MARKETING DEPARTMENT, T.T.DEVASTHANAMS, TIRUPATI
e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
e-Tenders / e-Tenders Cum e-Reverse tendering are invited for procurement of 23,00,000 Nos of Coconut by the Marketing Department, TTD. For tender notice and tender details log on to the website http://www.tirumala.org and https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in. For further details contact Phone numbers : 0877-2264079, 2264555, Fax No. 0877-2264554
ROC No. PR4/13960/Adv. No.274/ PRO/2023, Dated: 25.11.2023 EXECUTIVE OFFICER

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice
Tender No : RE-E-Tender No 222/2023-24/SE/PHC/CHN, AMRUT 2.0-Construction of 5 MLD STP and Allied Components-5 MLD STP -Sewernetwork and allied components in Ravipuram zone-Sewerage Work.
EMD : Rs. 5,00,000/-, Tender fee : Rs. 19517,
Last Date for submitting Tender : 07-12-2023 03:00:pm, Phone : 0484-2360645
Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
Superintending Engineer,
KWA-JB-GL-6-1694-2023-24 PH Circle, Kochi

National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute (NABI)
(An Autonomous Institute under Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India)
Knowledge City, Sector 81, Mohali - 140 306 Punjab (INDIA)
Tel. : 91-172-5221300 Fax : 91-172-5221100 Website : www.nabi.res.in
Advertisement No. NABI/Admin/5(1)/2022-23/ACAD
Ph.D. (Biotechnology) Program - Admission 2024
National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute (NABI), Mohali, is an autonomous R&D Institute under Department of Biotechnology, Government of India. The institute carries out cutting edge research at the interface of agricultural biotechnology, bioinformatics, biostatistics, food science and technology, post-harvest technology, and nutritional sciences. NABI invites application for admission to Ph.D. (Biotechnology) Program. Last date of receiving the applications is December 16th, 2023. For details kindly visit www.nabi.res.in. Manager (Administration)

सीएसआईआर-संरचनात्मक अभियांत्रिकी अनुसंधान केंद्र
CSIR-Structural Engineering Research Centre
सीएसआईआर रोड़ CSIR Road, तरमणि Taramani, चेन्नै Chennai 600 113
अधिसूचना सं Notification No.SE-6/2023
WALK-IN-INTERVIEW FOR ENGAGEMENT OF JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOW / PROJECT ASSISTANT / PROJECT ASSOCIATES-I & II

Positions	No. of Positions	Monthly Emoluments	Date of Walk-in-interview
Project Assistant	02 Nos.	₹ 20,000/- + HRA	7th December 2023 (Thursday)
Project Associate-I	08 Nos.	₹ 31,000/- + HRA Or ₹ 25,000/- + HRA	
Project Associate II	02 Nos.	₹ 35,000/- + HRA Or ₹ 28,000/- + HRA	
Junior Research Fellow	01 No.	₹ 31,000/- + HRA	

विस्तृत अधिसूचना के लिए हमारे वेबसाइट www.serc.res.in के होम पेज में 'Recruitment' पर क्लिक करें I For detailed notification, please visit our website www.serc.res.in and click on 'Recruitment' from the home page.
प्रशासनिक अधिकारी Administrative Officer

INBRIEF

Teacher job aspirants try to storm into U.P. BJP office

Stormy scenes were witnessed inside and outside the BJP State office in Lucknow on Saturday when hundreds of government teacher job aspirants tried to storm into the building. The aspirants demanded appointment in the Education Department, and alleged malpractice in the teachers' recruitment process initiated for 69,000 posts in the department. The police detained the aspirants and sent them to Eco Garden park before releasing them. The candidates have been protesting for a long time outside the Education Directorate office and the State Education Minister's residence.

Modi security lapse: Punjab police officer suspended

A senior Punjab police officer has been suspended from his position for alleged negligence of duty surrounding the security lapse during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Ferozpur of Punjab in 2022. A government order issued by the State's Home Department on November 22, said that Gurbinder Singh, who is currently Superintendent of Police (SP) in Bathinda district, has been suspended with immediate effect. Mr. Gurbinder was stationed in Ferozepur as Superintendent of Police (Operations) at the time of the 'security lapse' incident.

Publicity of only one person is going on, says Nitish Kumar

In a veiled attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Saturday said that the publicity of only one person is being carried out in the country and there are only two leaders calling the shots in the Centre. He asserted that whenever the BJP leaders come to Bihar, they only attack him. Mr. Kumar said this while laying the foundation stone of a medical college and hospital in Munger district. "Publicity of only one person is being carried out and no one else. There are only two leaders in the Centre and only their speeches are published. The leaders of his party were earlier nice but now they are being controlled by them and speak against me. These people think that they are the only one and rest are no one," Mr. Kumar said.

No discussions on seat sharing yet: Ajit Pawar

Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister and Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader Ajit Pawar said on Saturday that there have been no discussions regarding seat sharing so far within the ruling alliance for the upcoming Lok Sabha and Assembly elections. He said the tripartite *Mahayuti* government, comprising BJP, the Shiv Sena led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, and NCP faction of Ajit Pawar – is stable as all 200 MLAs are united, and the State is doing well under the leadership of Mr. Shinde. After a recent bout of dengue lasting 15 days, Mr. Pawar dismissed allegations that he was feigning 'a political illness' and had aired a few complaints to Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

SUDOKU

8	9					3		2
7				3				
					9	5		
	3		1	4				
	6			8			4	
				9	6		1	
		5	2					
				1				6
2		9					5	8

No.SS5989 Distribution: www.knightfeatures.com

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

7	4	2	3	6	5	8	1	9
5	8	3	1	7	9	6	4	2
6	9	1	4	8	2	3	5	7
2	3	5	7	1	6	4	9	8
9	7	6	5	4	8	2	3	1
4	1	8	2	9	3	5	7	6
3	6	9	8	5	1	7	2	4
8	2	7	9	3	4	1	6	5
1	5	4	6	2	7	9	8	3

Infertility treatment finds a place in political manifestos

Doctors welcome inclusion of infertility, which is recognised as public health issue by WHO; they say policy on treatment can mitigate the financial burden and emotional impact of infertility on family life; States are planning to give financial aid

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

The Congress has included in vitro fertilisation (IVF) as an area of focus in its manifesto for the Rajasthan Assembly election.

Integrating infertility with political agenda is not a new development – Goa recently became the first State to offer free IVF, assisted reproductive technology (ART), and intrauterine insemination (IUI) services.

Maharashtra is also looking into providing financial support to people from rural areas for IVF treatments under the Mahatma Phule Jan Arogya Yojana.

Infertility, which is recognised as a public health issue by the World Health Organization (WHO), has often been shrouded in silence. Finding its way into the Congress's election manifesto has thus sparked a crucial conversation over the financial, societal, and emotional implications of infertility, and the role of politics in addressing it.

A study titled "Pattern of health promises for Indian democracy: a qualitative review of political manifestos" finds that health has been a feature on political agendas, but healthcare issues are yet to dominate political campaigns in India as they do in the U.K. and the U.S. "Public health problems, health financing, improving infrastructure are the most common promises that share space in all manifestos of major national parties," the study noted.

The Congress manifesto for the Rajasthan election promises access to IVF treatment in the State. The manifesto was released by Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge and Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot. PTI

IVF is expensive

The WHO and the Indian Society for Assisted Reproduction (ISAR) studies show that one in six couples in India find it difficult to conceive a child, may require medical help, and treatment cost is expensive. The average cost of an IVF cycle ranges from ₹2.5 lakh to ₹4 lakh.

The Census of India finds that infertility increased among couples in the reproductive age group from 13% in 1981 to 16% in 2001. The need for assisted reproduction is so high that the Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI) has appealed to the government to bring IVF treatments under Ayushman Bharat.

Infertility, in clinical terms, is the failure to conceive even after being sexually active for one year or more of regular cohabitation without any contraceptive use. "WHO categorises infertility as a disease, so, like any other disease, subfertility treatment or IVF treatment is a right of everyone," Rachita Munjal, senior consultant, Birla Fertility and IVF, Gurugram, said.

She explained that fertility issues are silent and invisible whereas pregnancy, childbirth, and medical disorders are visible.

"So, if all medical treatments can be included in a manifesto, infertility should be included too," Dr. Munjal said.

Social stigma

Doctors in India explain that despite the high incidence of the problem, solutions for the diagnosis and treatment of subfertility, including IVF, remain inaccessible for many due to the high cost of treatment, and social stigma. They add that infertility can impact quality of life.

"Through my experience in talking to women who come for fertility treatment, lack of emotional support, and holding back from promotion and career opportunities, in addition to stressful subfertility issues can be overwhelming. So, normalising the conversation around fertility treatments can be an important step in moving out of the silence over the issue," Dr. Munjal said.

Doctors note that government policies on IVF treatment can mitigate the financial burden and emotional impact of infertility on family life. Benefits planned around pre-conception, fewer working hours for women under fertility treatment to manage regular visits to doctors, and the emotional and financial aspects of treatment, would help considerably.

Four convicts get jail term in journalist murder case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Saturday sentenced four men to life imprisonment for killing TV journalist Soumya Vishwanathan in 2008. The court awarded a fifth person three years in jail for receiving the stolen property of the deceased.

Vishwanathan was shot dead in the early hours of September 30, 2008, when she was returning home from office in her car on Nelson Mandela Marg here. The police had said the motive behind the killing was robbery as some of her belongings had been missing.

The sessions court sentenced Ravi Kapoor, Amit Shukla, Baljeet Malik, and Ajay Kumar to life imprisonment and also imposed a fine of ₹1.25 lakh on each of them. It sentenced the fifth convict, Ajay Sethi, to three years of simple imprisonment along with a fine of ₹7.25 lakh. The court noted that Sethi had already undergone more than 14 years of imprisonment.

The court said the offence does not fall in the category of rarest of rare cases. So request for the death penalty is refused, it said. It ordered that of the total fine amount imposed on the convicts, ₹12 lakh will be paid to the victim's family.

Urban Affairs Ministry starts data portal on cities for policy making

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs is making raw data from Indian cities available on a single platform for academics, researchers, and stakeholders to help data-driven policy making. The Amplifi 2.0 (Assessment and Monitoring Platform for Liveable, Inclusive and Future-ready urban India) portal was launched by the Ministry three weeks ago.

Currently, 258 urban local bodies have been onboarded, and data for 150 cities is available on the portal. "While onboarding the cities, we found that there is a lack of data maturity in cities, and thus only 150 civic bodies were able to share their data. Following this, we sent data quality parameters to every city," a senior official in the Ministry said.

It is hoped that data from all 3,739 municipal corporations will eventually be made available on the portal. The website provides data on a range of information for several cities, including total consumption; number of samples tested for water quality; average annual expenditure on healthcare; number of slum dwellers; and road accident fatalities.

The government plans to include the data from all the 3,739 municipal corporations on the portal. EMMANUAL YOGINI

Different reports

Earlier, the Ministry used data provided by the civic bodies to rank cities based on four indices – the ease-of-living and municipal performance indices and climate smart cities assessment and data maturity assessment frameworks. The government is planning to bring out different reports on subsets of the four indices.

The Urban Outcomes Framework, 2022, which has been developed for the Ministry by the National Institute of Urban Affairs and PwC India, shifts the focus from the indices to data with a comprehensive list of indicators. With this, data across 14 sectors are streamlined to increase focus on data collection, and disaggregated data can be analysed by experts.

Create new frameworks

The initiative also provides the opportunity to create new frameworks based on open data. The 14 sectors are demography, economy, education, energy, environment, finance, governance, health, housing, mobility, planning, safety and security, solid waste management, and water and sanitation.

India has been witnessing rapid urbanisation over the past few years. By 2030, India is projected to have 60 crore (40%) of the population living in urban areas compared with 37.7 crore (31%) in 2011.

The 2011 Census shows that urban India contributed 63% to the country's GDP, and this is projected to increase to 75% by 2030.

Centre convenes all-party meeting on December 2

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union government is convening an all-party meeting on December 2, ahead of the Winter Session of Parliament, according to government sources.

The report of the Ethics Committee on the "cash-for-query" allegations against Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra will be tabled in the Lok Sabha on the first day of the session, December 4. The House will have to adopt the report before her expulsion, which the panel has recommended, comes into effect.

The all-party meeting, at which the government presents its agenda and the Opposition presents its wish-list of issues to be debated, is usually convened a day before a Parliament session begins. This time, it has been advanced by a day, reportedly because of the counting of votes in five States on December 3.

The Winter Session will start on December 4.

Three key Bills that seek to replace the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the Code of Criminal Procedure (Cr.PC), and the Evidence Act are likely to be taken up for consideration during the session as the Standing Committee on Home recently adopted the three reports. At least 10 members have filed dissent notes. Another key Bill pending in Parliament is the appointment of the Chief Election Commissioner, and Election Commissioners.

CBI to probe mid-day meal irregularities in Bengal, says Centre

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

The Union Ministry of Education has approached the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to start a probe into alleged irregularities in the mid-day meal scheme in West Bengal.

"There are a lot of irregularities relating to the mid-day meal scheme. The Central teams have visited the State a number of times. The Ministry has written to CBI in this regard," Subhas Sarkar, Minister of State for Education, said on Saturday.

Mr. Sarkar, a BJP MP, was referring to the visit of Central teams in April this year. Leader of the Opposition Suvendu Adhikari recalled that he had written to "Hon'ble Union Minister for Education and Skill Development Shri Dharmendra Pradhan *Ji* on 5th January, 2023, highlighting that the biggest ongoing Financial Scam in WB is the systematic misappropriation & diversion of PM POSHAN funds by the State government's Administrative machinery".

IAF flies Modi on a Tejas aircraft over Bengaluru for 30 minutes

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Prime Minister Narendra Modi got a first-hand feel of the indigenous light combat aircraft (LCA) Tejas as he flew in a trainer version of the aircraft for 30 minutes here on Saturday.

Attired in a G-suit, Mr. Modi was aboard an aircraft flown by Group Captain Debanjan Mandal.

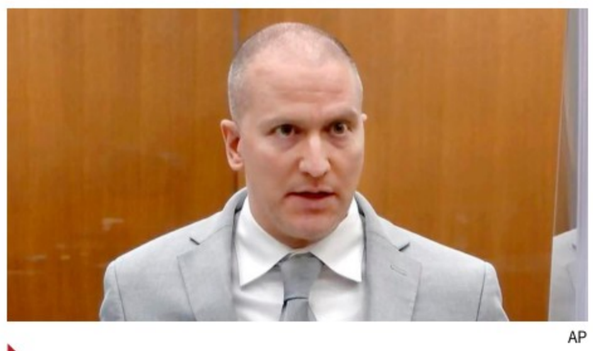
The sortie was carried out from the Aircraft Systems Testing Establishment, Bengaluru. During the sortie, capabilities of the fighter aircraft were demonstrated to the Prime Minister. "Successfully completed a sortie on the Tejas. The experience was incredibly enriching, significantly bolstering my confidence in our country's indigenous capabilities, and leaving me with a renewed sense of pride and optimism about our national potential," Mr. Modi posted on X (formerly Twitter). "A flight to remember! Tejas is India's pride, a manifestation of the strength and skills of 140 crore Indians," he posted.

Touching the skies: Prime Minister Narendra Modi aboard the light combat aircraft Tejas over Bengaluru on Saturday. PTI

The Tejas, designed and developed by the Aeronautical Development Agency and the HAL, has been part of the IAF fleet for over seven years. The IAF now operates two squadrons which are No. 45 Squadron, the 'Flying Daggers' and No. 18 Squadron, the 'Flying Bullets'.

WASHINGTON

U.S. police officer, who killed George Floyd, stabbed in prison



AP

Derek Chauvin, the U.S. police officer whose murder of George Floyd sparked massive racial justice protests in 2020, was stabbed in prison on Friday, media reported citing unnamed sources. Chauvin knelt on the 46-year-old Black man's neck for more than nine minutes on a Minneapolis street despite the dying man's pleas. AFP

KARACHI

11 killed in fire in Karachi shopping mall while several feared trapped

AFP

A massive fire tore through a shopping mall in Pakistan's Karachi city on Saturday, killing at least 11 people and injuring six, officials said. The fire that broke out at around 7 a.m. on the second floor engulfed the fourth, fifth and sixth floors of the shopping mall, but it was not clear what caused it. PTI

BEIJING

China holds military drills along violence-hit Myanmar border

REUTERS

China began military exercises along its border with Myanmar and urged its citizens to leave the north of that country, which has been beset by fighting since last month. Clashes have intensified in large areas of Myanmar's northern Shan state, close to the Chinese border, forcing more than 80,000 people to leave their homes. AFP

LHOKSEUMAWE

Indonesian police, fishermen start patrols to stop Rohingya boats

REUTERS

Indonesian police and fishermen said they have begun patrolling parts of the country's westernmost province to prevent Rohingya refugees from landing on its shores, after nearly 1,100 members of the persecuted Myanmar minority arrived this month. The police in East Aceh said they have now imposed round-the-clock patrols. AFP

Israeli-owned ship hit in 'Iran drone attack'

Agence France-Presse
DUBAI

An Israeli-owned cargo ship was damaged in a suspected drone attack by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps in the Indian Ocean, a U.S. defence official said on Saturday.

The official said that "the ship incurred minor damage" in Friday's attack and said there were "no injuries".

Maritime security company Ambrey said the Malta-flagged, French-operated container ship was reportedly damaged when the unmanned aerial vehicle exploded close to it.

"The vessel was managed by an Israeli-affiliated company, which was assessed to be the reason why it was targeted," Ambrey said.

The reported attack comes almost a week after Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi rebels seized an Israel-linked cargo ship in the southern Red Sea.

Hamas delays release of second batch of hostages

It cites issue of aid deliveries to Gaza and selection criteria for prisoner releases as reasons for putting off the exchange; Israel says it has not violated truce and vows to press ahead with war

Agence France-Presse
GAZA STRIP

Hamas said on Saturday that it was delaying the release of a second group of Israeli hostages in exchange for Palestinian prisoners until Israel complies with a truce agreement, in a bitter blow to relatives.

The Palestinian militant group's armed wing said the issues of aid deliveries to the northern Gaza Strip and the selection criteria for prisoner releases were holding up the handover.

The unforeseen setback followed an initial exchange on Friday when Hamas released 13 Israelis, all of them women and children, hours after a four-day truce took effect in Gaza.

Ten Thais and one Filipino were also unexpectedly freed.

Welcome ceremony: Preparations under way to greet hostages to be released by Hamas in Ramat Gan in Israel. GETTY IMAGES

Israel in turn released 39 Palestinian women and children from its prisons under an agreement that mandates exchanges at a ratio of three to one.

Israel on Saturday denied that it had violated the truce agreement and vowed to continue the war to eliminate Hamas when the pause in fighting ends.

"We will return immediately at the end of the ceasefire to attack Gaza," Israeli chief of staff Lieutenant General Herzi Halevi said.

Hamas fighters snatched around 240 captives when they broke through Gaza's militarised border with Israel on October 7. The unprecedented attack cost the lives of about 1,200 Israelis and foreigners, according to Israeli authorities.

Following the deadliest attack in its history, Israel launched an air, artillery and naval bombardment alongside a ground offensive to destroy Hamas, killing nearly 15,000 people, according to the Hamas government in Gaza.

Expected figures

Hamas is expected to free a total of 50 hostages during the truce in exchange for 150 Palestinian prisoners, under an agreement brokered by Qatar, Egypt and the U.S.

Despite warnings from Israel not to return to northern Gaza, some tried to do so.

The Hamas-run health ministry said seven persons were wounded on Saturday when Israeli soldiers opened fire to discourage people from making the journey.

Kyiv hit by 'most massive' drone attack since the start of war, says Ukraine

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Ukraine said on Saturday it had downed 71 Russian attack drones overnight, in what Kyiv authorities said was the biggest attack on the capital since the start of the invasion.

The Ukrainian Army said the majority of the Iranian-made Shahed drones were downed over the capital, Kyiv, causing power cuts in the centre of the city as temperatures dipped below freezing.

The drone attack came as Ukraine marked Holodomor Remembrance Day, commemorating the 1930s starvation of millions in Ukraine under Soviet leader Joseph Stalin.

Kyiv city authorities said the multiple attack "was the most massive since the beginning of the full-scale invasion" in February 2022.

Five wounded

Five persons were wounded in the capital. The youngest was 11 and the oldest 65.

The air raid alert in the city lasted six hours, Kyiv Mayor Vitalis Klatsch said, adding that falling drone debris had sparked fires and damaged buildings across the city.

"The enemy continues the terror," he said.

Ukraine's Energy Ministry said the attack "cut off power to an overhead line", leaving "77 residential buildings and 120 facilities" without power. Repairs were underway, it said.

The attack came as Ukraine marked the day commemorating the 1930s starvation of millions under Soviet leader Joseph Stalin. AFP

Missile intercepted

Ukraine's Army said that while the "main target" of the attack was Kyiv, air defence had also been called into action across southern Ukraine and a guided missile had been destroyed over the central Dnipropetrovsk region.

There were power cuts across the region, authorities said.

Kyiv has warned of and prepared for a renewed Russian campaign targeting its energy grid as winter descends, fearing a repeat of events last year, when thousands were left without heat or light in freezing temperatures.

More than 21 months into Moscow's offensive, fighting is most intense in the east of Ukraine and is now centred around the city of Avdiivka, which is nearly encircled by Russian forces.

Kyiv authorities said it was "symbolic" that the capital had been the subject of such a large-scale attack on the day Ukraine marks Holodomor.

Ukraine says Holomorph – Ukrainian for "death by starvation" – was caused deliberately by Soviet's agricultural policies.

Moscow denies this, and says it was part of a wider famine that also affected Russian parts of the Soviet Union.

"They tried to subdue us, to kill us, to exterminate us," Mr. Zelenskyy said on social media. "They failed."

China complains of incursion by U.S. ship into territorial waters

Reuters
SHANGHAI

The Chinese military said on Saturday that the American naval destroyer *USS Hopper* entered China's territorial waters without the approval of the Chinese government.

According to a post on the official WeChat account of the Chinese People Liberation Army's Southern Theatre Command, the Chinese military deployed its naval and air forces to "track, monitor and warn away" the vessel.

It went on to say that the incident "proves that the United States is an out-and-out 'security risk creator' in the South China Sea."

'Foreign forces'

This latest announcement comes days after China accused the Philippines of enlisting "foreign forces" to patrol the South China Sea, referring to joint patrols held since Tuesday by Philippine and U.S. forces.

Earlier this month, the U.S. and China held "candid" talks on maritime issues, including on the contested South China Sea, and the U.S. underscored its concerns about "dangerous and unlawful" Chinese actions there, the U.S. State Department said.

Yameen to break away from Maldives President Muizzu

Agence France-Presse
MALÉ

Former Maldives President Abdulla Yameen will form a new political party, his lawyer said, splitting from his successor's ruling party and posing the new President a major setback ahead of parliamentary polls.

President Mohamed Muizzu, 45, was sworn in last week after being elected in September as a proxy for his pro-China predecessor Yameen, who was disqualified from the polls because he was serving an 11-year jail term for corruption.

On Friday, Yameen loyalists accused Mr. Muizzu of seeking to hijack the leadership of their Progressive Party of Maldives (PPM), and the former President will now form his own party.

Abdulla Yameen

Mr. Yameen "chose to resign from the PPM and President Muizzu's coalition", the 64-year-old former-leader's lawyer Mohamed Jameel told AFP late on Friday.

"Yameen is now forming a new political party and a significant portion of the party is rallying behind him."

Futher hurdles

Mr. Muizzu needs to win a majority in parliamentary elections slated for next year to implement his legislative program.

Yameen, 64, who was released from jail to serve his sentence from home soon after Mr, Muizzu's victory, has felt sidelined, Mr. Jameel said.

The new President had not taken calls from Yameen, the lawyer added.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA - DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, EASTERN CIRCLE-II, CHANDIKHOLE
Email ID :- seec2chandikhole@gmail.com
"e" Procurement Notice No. ACE, EC-II 09 of 2023-24 (On-line)

1.	Name of the Works	1	Construction of Launching apron from RD 1.395 km to 2.200 km & restoration of Paika left embankment (Kujanga Estate) near village Batira in Mahakalapada block of Kendrapara District.
		2	Construction of right bank service road of G.E canal from Arada to Gandakia.
2.	Total No. of Packages	:	02 (Two) No. Individual Packages
3.	Tender Cost	:	1. Rs.752.76 Lakh (Approximately). 2. Rs.820.02 Lakh (Approximately)
4.	Cost of Bid Document (Non Refundable)	:	Rs.10,000.00 (On-line payment) for each Package
5.	Bid Security	:	1. Rs.7,52,800/-. 2. Rs.8,20,100/-
6.	Class of Contractor	:	"A" & "Special" for Package No. - 1& 2
7.	Period of Completion	:	12 (Twelve) calendar months for all packages

8. Other details are as follows.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From	To	Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I)
Additional Chief Engineer, Eastern Circle - II, Chandikhole	ACE, EC-II KID 21 OF 2023-24	05.12.2023 at 10 AM	19.12.2023 up to 5.00 PM	20.12.2023 at 11.30 AM
	ACE, EC-II KID 22 OF 2023-24			

9. e-mail Id : seec2chandikhole@gmail.com . Further detailed conditions can be seen from the Govt. website www.tendersorissa.gov.in
A-889 : Additional Chief Engineer, Eastern Circle-II, Chandikhole.
OIPR-32322/11/0012/2324

Ahmadi place of worship attacked in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir

Press Trust of India
LAHORE

More than three dozen people, said to be activists of a radical Islamist party attacked a place of worship of the Ahmadi community and demolished its minarets and terrorised them in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, an official from the minority community said on Saturday.

The attack is the latest in the series of such incidents – at least 40 between January to October this year – the Jamaat-e-Ahmadiyya Pakistan said.

"Over three dozen miscreants believed to be members of the Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) attacked the Ahmadi place of worship in Doliyan Jatan in Kotli district on Friday. The Ahmadis present in the worship places ran for their lives while the miscreants demolished its minarets and niche," Jamaat-e-Ahmadiyya Pakistan official Amir Mahmood said on Saturday.

Built in 1954

The miscreants came on motorcycles and after destroying the minarets and niche of the worship place left while chanting religious slogans, he said.

This worship place was built in 1954.

No FIR yet

The said incident occurred within the jurisdiction of police station Narr in Kotli but no FIR has been registered against the suspects as yet.

Mr. Mahmood said at least 40 worship places of the Ahmadi minority community have either been attacked by radical Islamists or their minarets and arches demolished by police in different parts of Pakistan during the first 10 months of this year.

HIGH COURT OF DELHI : NEW DELHI
DELHI JUDICIAL SERVICE EXAMINATION – 2023
CORRIGENDUM

Dated: 25.11.2023

In continuation of this Court's Notices dated 06.11.2023 & 17.11.2023, it is hereby notified that the last date and time for Registration and filling Online Application Form of Delhi Judicial Service Examination - 2023 and/or making payment through Debit Card/Internet Banking is extended till 29.11.2023 (1730 hours).

Click on the following link or Enter the URL in the web browser
https://examinationservices.nic.in/recsys23/Root/Home.aspx?appformid=101542311

The candidates who have already applied and made the payments need not apply again.

It is clarified that the Delhi Judicial Service Preliminary Examination–2023 will be held on 17.12.2023 as notified vide Notice date 17.11.2023.

Sd/-
(KANWAL JEET ARORA)
REGISTRAR GENERAL

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA email:- serw_ctc@yahoo.com
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, CUTTACK
No:-Tender Online RWC -30/23, Letter No.:- Date : 22.11.2023
e - Procurement NOTICE

1. Name of the Work : Construction of Road works .
2. Class of Contractor
c) Estimated cost more than Rs.6.00 Crore & upto Rs.50.00 Crore : Special Class (of Odisha PWD) & relevant class of other licensing authorities.
d) Estimated cost more than Rs.1.00 Crore & upto Rs.20.00 Crore : A Class (of Odisha PWD) & relevant class of other licensing authorities.
c) Estimated cost more than Rs.20.00 Lakh & upto Rs.3.00 Crore : B Class (of Odisha PWD) & relevant class of other licensing authorities.
3. Time for Completion : As specified in the Column-6 of the Annexure
4. Detail Projects : As per Annexure attached
5. Other Details :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Cuttack.	Tender Online RWC - 30/23	28.11.2023 at 11.30 A.M.	12.12.2023 up to 05.00 P.M	12.12.2023 up to 02.00 P.M	13.12.2023 at 11.30 A.M	Will be intimated later

Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in .
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Cuttack.
O-1623: OIPR-25097/11/0033/2324

Antarctica's ozone hole expands mid-spring since 2001

The Hindu Bureau

The core (middle stratospheric layer) of the Antarctic ozone in mid-spring (October) has experienced a 26% reduction since 2004, contrary to previously reported recovery trends in total ozone, according to a study published recently in the journal *Nature Communications*. However, recovery trends remain in early spring (September). The findings highlight the importance of continuous monitoring and evaluation of the state of the ozone layer with the changing dynamical state of Earth's climate.

Ozone reduction

The Montreal Protocol designated a list of controlled ozone depleting substances that were banned from future production in 1987 and is widely considered to have been successful for ozone recovery.

However, the past three years (2020-2022) have witnessed the re-emergence of large and long-lived ozone holes over Antarctica in mid spring, while early spring still shows a slight ozone increase (or a slight recovery of the ozone hole). Understanding ozone variability remains of high importance, due to the major role Antarctic stratospheric ozone plays in climate variability across the Southern Hemisphere.

To assess recent changes in the Antarctic ozone hole, including during the 2022 season, Annika Seppälä from the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand and others analysed monthly and daily ozone changes between 2001-2022. Data from 2002 and 2019 were excluded as sudden stratospheric warming broke up the ozone hole anomalously early in these years. They looked at different stratospheric layers throughout the key austral springtime months of September to November.

When satellite data from 2022 is considered, they found that previously reported recovery trends in Antarctic spring total column ozone (the total ozone above a given point on Earth across all atmospheric layers) from 2001 onward disappear. The middle stratosphere has been dominated by continued, significant ozone reduction since 2004, amounting to 26% loss in the core of the ozone hole. This reduction is potentially driven by dynamical changes in the mesosphere (the atmospheric layer above the stratosphere and the ozone layer). The findings suggest that changes in the Southern Hemisphere atmosphere are contributing to a persistent Antarctic ozone hole.

Eight months on, States wait for 3HP TB preventive drug

Though the Central TB Division has not supplied 3HP drugs to States since its roll-out in March, Tamil Nadu and Kerala have begun using 3HP for TB preventive treatment

R. Prasad

Eight months after Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the pan-India rollout of a shorter TB Preventive Treatment (TPT) in March 2023 called the 3HP – once-weekly isoniazid-rifapentine for 12 weeks – States are yet to receive the 3HP combination drug from the Central TB Division. Tamil Nadu and Kerala have already begun using 3HP for TB preventive treatment despite not receiving the drug supply.

Currently, all household contacts of a person who has been recently diagnosed with pulmonary TB are tested for TB disease and those who do not have TB disease but have been infected with the bacteria are offered treatment to prevent the progression from latent infection to TB disease. Daily dose of isoniazid for six months, which is the current treatment protocol, translates to 180 pills. In contrast, the 3HP regimen of one combination drug a week for three months translates to 12 pills in all.

"Since treatment with 3HP involves only 12 doses, compliance is better, adverse effects of the drugs are less and treatment completion is better compared with 180 doses of isoniazid monotherapy," says Dr. Padmapriyadarsini, C, Director of the National Institute for Research in Tuberculosis (NIRT), Chennai. "TB disease should be ruled out before starting a person on preventive therapy. Also, other health conditions that may be contraindicated should be ruled out before starting on 3HP." According to the latest guidelines, all household contacts immaterial of age are eligible for TB preventive therapy once TB disease has been ruled out. The 3HP regimen has been associated with a higher completion rate in all subgroups – adults with HIV, adults without HIV, and children and adolescents. According to the 2021 Guidelines for programmatic management of tuberculosis preventive treatment in India, the use of the shorter regimen was associated with "at least 20% greater treatment completion rate (82% vs 61%)".

Also, TPT using the 3HP drug is cheaper than isoniazid monotherapy for six months.

"No studies have shown that TB preventive therapy leads to drug resistance. But if active TB disease is not ruled out before starting TB preventive treatment, there is a risk of drug resistance setting in," says Dr. Padmapriyadarsini.

While no head-to-head comparison trial between isoniazid for six months and 3HP has not been carried out in India, a trial has compared the two drug regimens in people living with HIV in South Africa. The trial found that the incidence of TB disease was the same in both the drug regimens. However, serious adverse reactions – hepatotoxicity – was significantly lower in people treated with 3HP.

While some States offer TB preventive therapy to those about to undergo organ transplantation, all States offer it to household contacts. "Though household contacts are considered at high risk of getting infected, less than 20% of infections can be attributed to household exposure, while the remaining infections could be attributed to community transmission," says Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, former Chief Scientist at WHO.

About 30-40% of the Indian population has latent TB infection, and 5-10% of those with latent infection will develop TB disease over the course of their lives. About half of those who develop TB disease will do so within the first two years of infection. According to the WHO, TB preventive therapy "can halt progression to TB disease very effectively for many years", thus preventing a large number of people from developing TB disease within two years of infection. In high-burden countries such as India, the chances of reinfection after completing the TB preventive therapy are high, and such reinfection "may reverse this protection". Despite the likelihood of protection being reversed on reinfection, a WHO spokesperson tells *The Hindu* in an email that countries like India should invest in TB preventive therapy.

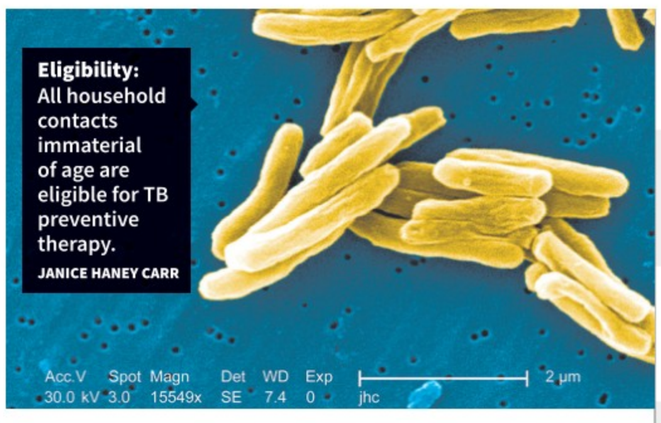
"Yes, they should [invest in TPT]. Reinfection with TB after a course of TPT is certainly possible, but *M. tuberculosis* is less infectious than many other microorganisms so this eventuality should not stop programmes from investing in TPT," he says.

With smear microscopy forming the bulk of TB testing (despite its low sensitivity) and molecular testing constituting just 23%, should India prioritise molecular testing for all or should it also invest its finite resources into TB preventive therapy?

The WHO spokesperson says India should invest more in TB screening using digital chest X-rays and molecular testing for TB disease confirmation. "TB preventive treatment like 3HP is an important accompaniment to this strategy, to protect TB-free individuals at risk from progressing to disease," he says. "Even if all this requires resources to reach the required scale, the return on investment is typically high, saving costs to both the services and society given the high price of undetected TB."

3HP TB prevention treatment has many benefits

The 3HP regimen involves just 12 doses — one dose a week for three months. In contrast, isoniazid monotherapy for six months translates to 180 doses



1. Since treatment with 3HP involves only 12 doses, compliance is better and adverse effects are less
2. The use of the shorter regimen has been associated with at least 20% greater treatment completion rate
3. TB disease should be ruled out before starting a person on preventive therapy
4. Other health conditions that may be contraindicated must be ruled out before giving 3HP
5. Less than 20% of TB infections are due to household contacts being exposed to the index case
6. TB preventive therapy can halt the progression to TB disease very effectively for many years
7. In India, there are greater chances of getting reinfected after completing the TB preventive therapy, and reinfection may reverse the protection

SNAPSHOTS

Cycling of solution needed for dolomite crystals to grow

Addressing the long-standing "dolomite problem," researchers have found that dolomite crystals require cycling of saturation conditions to grow. The findings provide new insights into how dolomite is formed and why modern dolomite is primarily found in natural environments with pH or salinity fluctuations. As per the simulation's predictions, frequent cycling of a solution between supersaturation and undersaturation can speed up dolomite growth by up to 10 million times.

Extremely energetic cosmic ray with no source detected

An extremely energetic cosmic ray – an extragalactic particle with an energy exceeding about 240 exa-electron volts (EeV) – has been detected by the Telescope Array experiment's surface detector. According to the findings, its arrival direction shows no obvious source. Although low-energy cosmic rays emanate from the sun, the origins of rarer ultrahigh-energy cosmic rays (UHECRs) are thought to be related to the most energetic phenomena in the Universe, such as those involving black holes.

Higher BMI associated with increased cancer risk

People with higher BMIs are more than ten percent more likely to develop cancers such as colorectal, kidney, pancreatic or ovarian cancer, regardless of whether they have a cardiometabolic disorder (cardiovascular disease or type 2 diabetes) or not (*BMC Medicine*). The findings also suggest that having cardiovascular disease alongside a higher BMI is associated with an even greater risk of cancer, highlighting the need for obesity prevention to reduce the risk.

How does our brain learn to read?

SPEAKING OF SCIENCE

D. Balasubramanian

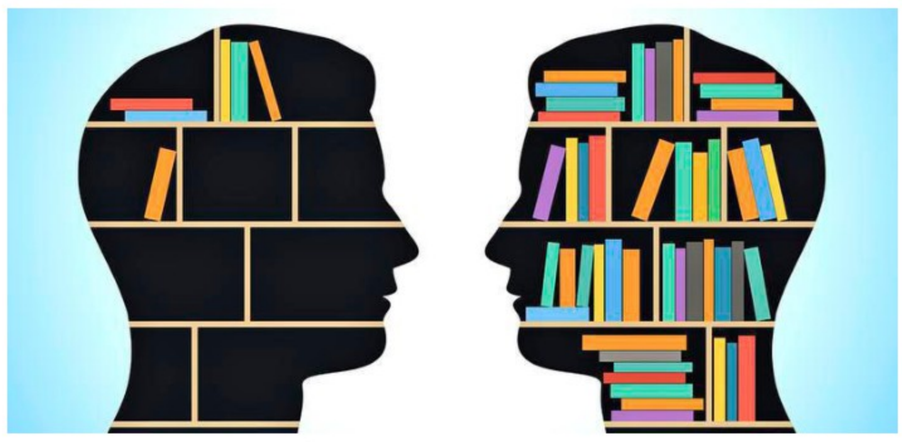
It is estimated that half the people of the world can speak more than one language. In South India, a large percentage of the population is conversant in at least two languages. Thanks to a high rate of literacy, many of them can read and write in those languages too. We humans know a great deal about the languages of the world, and the scripts that they are written in. But we still have a lot to learn about how our brains read and comprehend languages.

The process of learning to read begins with getting acquainted with the letters of the alphabet and understanding how they produce sounds. As reading skills develop, children become increasingly adept at perceiving letter sounds and how these come together to form words. Eventually this becomes a subconscious action. Research has indicated that this progress is aided by the development of the visual word form area (VWFA) in the brain, which is formed in the part of the brain that is responsible for recognizing visual signals such as facial features and objects.

With only a few months of education, this portion of the cortex is able to recognize the script that has been learned. When someone speaks multiple languages, patches of the VWFA are dedicated to recognising each language.

Memory and nutrition

The tasks to be learnt by a child are complex: They have to learn a vocabulary, and what each of those words mean. They have to read effortlessly to be able to understand sentences, and then whole paragraphs. Having a good working memory and flexible reasoning skills, commonly known as executive functions, allows children to become better readers. These traits help them excel in all areas of their lives: academically and emotionally. A study of preschoolers by Sumithra Selvam and her team at the St. John's Research Institute in Bengaluru has shown that executive function improves with better nutrition (*Child Neuropsychology*, 2018). Healthy bodies are needed for bright minds. It should be kept in mind that the time it takes for a child to understand visual text, to correlate text with speech, and to recognise vocal sounds varies from one youngster to the next.



Dyslexia is a disorder marked by difficulty in reading, this neurological problem is associated with reduced language-processing activity in the brain. GETTY IMAGES

Reading disorders

Dyslexia is a disorder marked by difficulty in reading. This neurological problem is associated with reduced language-processing activity in the brain. Aphasia, another language disorder, is caused by brain damage, such as after a stroke. It reduces the ability to express and understand language. The damage can also cause alexia – an inability to comprehend written language, or agraphia – the inability to write coherently. Eventual recovery from aphasia is quite common. Individuals who speak multiple languages and are suffering from aphasia usually struggle in all their languages, but at different levels of severity. To explain this phenomenon, it has been hypothesised that the first-learned or most-used language is the least affected. Early training of the brain thus appears to set a strong foundation for reading skill and enjoyment.

(The article was written in collaboration with Sushil Chandani, who works in molecular modelling)

Question Corner

Vivid patterns

How do animals get their stripes and spots?

The University of Colorado Boulder engineers have shown that the same physical process that helps remove dirt from laundry could play a role in how tropical fish get their colourful stripes and spots. The movement of molecules during diffusiophoresis (the migration of a colloidal particle in a solution in response to the macroscopic concentration gradient of a molecular solute) always follows a clear trajectory and gives rise to patterns with sharp outlines. The researchers ran a simulation of the purple and black hexagonal pattern seen on the ornate boxfish skin using only the Turing equations. The computer produced a picture of blurry purple dots with a faint black outline. Then the team modified the equations. The result turned out to be much more similar to the bright and sharp bi-colour hexagonal pattern seen on the fish. The team's theory suggests that when chemical agents diffuse through tissue as Turing described, they also drag pigment-producing cells with them through diffusiophoresis.

Readers may send their questions / answers to questioncorner@thehindu.co.in

Is India lagging in measles vaccination?

What does the WHO report state and how has the Union Health Ministry responded?

Bindu Shajan Perappadan

The story so far:

A new report from the World Health Organization and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said measles cases in 2022 have increased by 18%, and deaths by 43% globally, compared to 2021. This, the report states, takes the estimated number of measles cases to nine million and deaths to 1,36,000, mostly among children. The Union Health Ministry has refuted a part of the report which said that globally 22 million children did not get their first measles shot in 2022 and that half of them live in 10 countries including India, where an estimated 1.1 million infants did not get the first dose of the vaccine. India's Universal Immunisation Programme is one of the largest public health programmes in the world targeting close to 2.67 crore newborns and 2.9 crore pregnant women annually.

What is the Union Health Ministry saying?

The Health Ministry maintains that just over 21,000 Indian children did not get the shot and said that the WHO data is based on an estimated number, reported under the WHO UNICEF Estimates National Immunization Coverage (WUENIC) 2022 report, which covers the time period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. A total of 2,63,63,270 children out of the eligible 2,63,84,580 children received their first dose of measles vaccine in FY 2022-23, according to the Health Ministry. It added that 21,310 children missed their first dose in 2022-23; and that initiatives have been undertaken by the Centre in coordination with the States to ensure that all children receive all missed/due doses of the measles vaccine.

> The Health Ministry maintains that over 21,000 Indian children in 2022-23 did not get the first measles shot, and that catch-up vaccinations are going on in States

"The recent reports based on data released by WHO-CDC are not based on facts and don't reflect the true picture," the Ministry said. "The catch-up vaccination age for the administration of Measles Containing Vaccine (MCV) has been increased from 15months/2 years to 5 years. All unvaccinated/partially vaccinated children with missed/due doses of vaccines will be vaccinated," said a Health Ministry official.

What is measles?

Measles is a contagious disease caused by a virus, which spreads through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Measles starts with a cough, runny nose, red eyes, and fever. Then a rash of tiny, red spots break out. It starts at the head and spreads to the rest of the body. According to the WHO, measles vaccination averted 56 million deaths between 2000 and 2021. "Even though a safe and cost-effective vaccine is available, in 2021, there were an estimated 1,28,000 measles deaths globally, mostly among unvaccinated or under vaccinated children under the age of five. Additionally in 2022, about 83% of the world's children received one dose of measles vaccine by their first birthday through routine health services – the lowest since 2008," it said.

Measles can be prevented with the MMR vaccine. The vaccine protects against three diseases – measles, mumps and rubella. Two doses of MMR vaccine are about 97% effective at preventing measles; one dose is about 93% effective. "This viral disease affecting mainly children causes significant morbidity and mortality. In an unimmunised population, the disease can rapidly break into an epidemic," cautioned Dr. Neeta Kejriwal, a paediatrician at Manipal Hospital, Dwarka. "Three doses are recommended at 9 months, 15 months and one dose through 4 to 6 years. Due to interruption of routine vaccination during and post-COVID pandemic, India did see several outbreaks of measles in different parts of the country. The stakeholders of children's healthcare must take extra measures for routine and catch-up measles vaccination to contain the disease in India. Also vaccination campaigns are going on across the country in different States for catch-up vaccination to cover children from 9 months to 15 months for elimination of measles and rubella," she explained.

What has been the impact of COVID-19 on the vaccination programme?

The WHO notes that the pandemic has led to setbacks in surveillance and immunisation efforts across the globe leaving millions of children vulnerable to diseases like measles. "No country is exempt from measles, and areas with low immunisation encourage the virus to circulate, increasing the likelihood of outbreaks and putting all unvaccinated children at risk," it notes. In India, as recently as late last year, Maharashtra and Kerala saw a spike in cases of measles. While Maharashtra recorded over 800 cases and over 10 deaths linked to the disease, Kerala's Malappuram district reported 160 cases of measles. The spread caused enough alarm to prompt the Indian Academy of Paediatricians to step in and appeal for vaccination.

What factors led to the turmoil at OpenAI?

Why did the board of an organisation which is at the forefront of the AI revolution try to oust its CEO? Is there a contradiction in principle between its non-profit roots and the for-profit venture it launched to build monetisable consumer AI technology?

P.J. George

The story so far:

OpenAI, the company that is at the edge of the AI revolution, almost ceased to exist over the last weekend. Sam Altman, the founder and CEO of the company that runs ChatGPT, was ousted by its board of directors on Friday, November 17 only to be reinstated on Tuesday, November 21, and the board unceremoniously disposed of. The cause of this chaos can be traced to a contradiction that exists at the heart of OpenAI.

How does OpenAI operate?

OpenAI was founded in 2015 as a non-profit organisation by a group that included the then 30-year-old Sam Altman, Elon Musk, and Infosys, among others, with the vision that Artificial Intelligence research must be kept open, safe and available to everyone. A note dated December 11, 2015 on OpenAI's website reads: "Our goal is to advance digital intelligence in the way that is most likely to benefit humanity as a whole, unconstrained by a need to generate financial return." Incidentally, this note was penned jointly by Greg Brockman, another co-founder who was also fired from his post of Chairman of the board on Friday, and Illya Sutskever, OpenAI's chief scientist and board member, who was reportedly a main organiser of the boardroom putsch. OpenAI may have spurned financial returns but AI research is a costly affair. The Generative Pre-Trained Transformers or GPT models that sit at the heart of many AI tools need to be trained on vast amounts of data, which require massive amounts of 'compute' or computing power. The compute at the scale required by large AI models can be bought from server farms operated by corporations such as Amazon, Microsoft and Google.

> The cause of the trouble at OpenAI can be traced to a contradiction that exists at the heart of the company

In 2018, OpenAI's biggest source of funds dried up when Mr. Musk left the board citing a conflict of interest with Tesla. A year later, OpenAI under Mr. Altman's supervision started a for-profit wing that would go on to build monetisable consumer AI technology such as ChatGPT and Dall-E. Mr. Brockman and Mr. Sutskever put out another note at that time saying that such a venture was necessary so that the company could "invest billions of dollars in upcoming years into large-scale cloud compute, attracting and retaining talented people, and building AI supercomputers". The for-profit venture essentially reported to the non-profit organisation led by a board that is hypersensitive about the commercial exploitation of AI. This tussle between two opposing principles in the same organisations came to a head with the release of ChatGPT for free in November 2022, and the public got a taste of what AI is capable of. The flood of users that followed brought with it investors as well.

Boardroom drama: OpenAI CEO Sam Altman in California on Nov. 16. AFP

What about Microsoft and OpenAI?

Microsoft was with OpenAI before it had made a name for itself. Between 2019 and 2022, it is reported to have pumped in up to $3 billion in Open AI – an investment that appeared prescient once ChatGPT appeared on the scene and OpenAI's valuation shot up to $29 billion. In January 2023, Microsoft added $10 billion to the kitty, mostly as much-needed computing power from its Azure cloud computing platform. CEO Satya Nadella was lauded as a visionary for the early investment and Microsoft went on to integrate ChatGPT into its Bing search engine – a move one step ahead of search giant Google, which was once seen as the leader in AI research. Given its level of involvement in OpenAI, the board's coup attempt on Friday blindsided Microsoft. While Mr. Nadella stated that he will continue to work with OpenAI, he made it abundantly clear that he wanted Mr. Altman back at the helm. When an initial round of negotiation between Mr. Altman and the board the day after he was fired failed, Mr. Nadella announced that he would hire Mr. Altman and Mr. Brockman to run an AI research centre within Microsoft, along with any OpenAI employee that jumped ship. This is exactly what 702 staffers, including CTO Mira Murati who was initially appointed as interim CEO, threatened to do if Mr. Altman and Mr. Brockman were not brought back and the board did not quit. The employees may have been driven by loyalty, as well as the knowledge that their stock options may drop significantly without Mr. Altman's commercial drive. With OpenAI's creations sitting exclusively on Azure platforms and all of its employees on board, Microsoft would have essentially "acquihired" the most important AI company of the moment. However, that would also mean it would have to take direct responsibility for any AI goof-ups – which government regulators are keenly watching.

When did the board give in?

After its initial CEO pick Ms. Murati sided with Mr. Altman and pushed for his return, the OpenAI board roped in Emmet Shear, a co-founder of the Twitch streaming platform, as interim CEO. However, internal divisions seem to have developed in the board, with Mr. Sutskever repenting his role in the fiasco and signing the employees' letter demanding Mr. Altman's return. The pressure from employees and investors and its own divisions seemed to finally have an effect, as the board announced the return of Mr. Altman as CEO on Tuesday and its own reconstitution, with all the coup instigators except one – Quora CEO Michael D'Angelo – having resigned. Mr. Sutskever has been dropped from the board but reportedly remains in his employee position.

Did 'effective altruism' play a part?

While it may seem like a place led solely by money and technology, Silicon Valley also has its philosophies, a key one being 'effective altruism'. Simply put, effective altruism looks at ways in which any intervention, monetary or technical, can be most effective. The practitioners of this philosophy among the Silicon Valley elite have an obsession with the possible negative impacts of AI and reducing the risk associated with it. OpenAI's charter itself speaks of safely building an AGI, or Artificial General Intelligence, an AI capable of reasoning like humans unlike the generative AIs that we have that only create based on what it has 'learned'. Effective Altruists tend to push back against the 'techno optimists' and 'accelerationists', who believe that the benefits of technology outweigh the bad and that all technological developments need to be accelerated as it is the way forward for mankind. The effective altruism proponents on OpenAI's board seem to have been spooked by the rapid commercialisation of the company and feared that it was deviating from its original purpose, playing into the hands of accelerationists. They may have been trying to recapture the narrative but bungled up the effort.

Where does India stand on Israel-Hamas war?

What is India's stance vis-a-vis the West and the Global South? Is it now closer to Western countries than the Global South, and how will this impact India's relations with different powers in West Asia? What about India's relations with Iran, Israel's chief rival?

Suhasini Haidar
Kallol Bhattacherjee

The story so far:

Over the past weeks, India has expressed itself in statements, joint statements, and votes at the United Nations on the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict, that saw a temporary pause for the exchange of hostages which began on Friday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi hosted two separate virtual summits, the concluding session of India's G-20 and the second edition of the 'Voice of Global South' Summit, and spoke about the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict, as well as the importance of heeding the concerns of the developing world. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar travelled to the U.K. for talks, held along with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh "2+2" dialogues with their counterparts from the U.S. and Australia where joint statements reflected the West's position much more.

What is the position India has articulated?

India's position, as articulated since the October 7 terror attacks along the Israel-Gaza border by Hamas that killed more than 1,200 people, and then on the bombardment of Gaza by Israel where more than 13,000 have been killed, has been multi-layered. The Modi government has condemned terrorism in the strongest language and stood with Israel over the attack, although it hasn't thus far designated Hamas as a terror group. The government has called on Israel for restraint, dialogue and diplomacy and condemned the death of civilians, and along with the U.S. and Australia, called for "humanitarian pauses" in bombardment, but has not so far called for a "ceasefire". At the same time, India has reaffirmed its support for a "two-state solution" including a sovereign, viable state of Palestine existing in peace alongside Israel, supported the "socio-economic welfare" of the Palestinian people, and has sent 70 tonnes of humanitarian assistance including 16.5 tonnes of medicines and medical supplies via Egypt to Gaza in the past month, Mr. Jaishankar said at the BRICS emergency meeting chaired by South Africa this week.

> Experts suggest that India is being watched closely to see if its stance favours Israel over all other ties with the Gulf and the Arab world

Mr. Modi, however, skipped the BRICS plus summit attended by all other leaders of the 11-nation grouping, indicating a discomfort with the tough line taken by South Africa that has asked for the International Criminal Court to investigate Israel for alleged "war crimes" in Gaza. Meanwhile, at the United Nations, India abstained at a UNGA vote on October 26 that called on Israel for a ceasefire, but voted in favour of other draft resolutions at the UNGA's "Fourth Committee" on November 9 against Israel's settler policies in the occupied territories including the West Bank and Syrian Golan.

A second departure: Palestinians leaving the north, in the Zeitoun district on the southern outskirts of Gaza City on November 25. AFP

Is India's position closer to the West or the Global South?

Traditionally, since its leadership of the Non-Aligned Movement, India's position on the Israel-Palestine conflict has always aligned with the Global South, offering full support for the Palestinian cause. It has called for talks to end the conflict, while building a stronger strategic, defence, counter-terrorism cooperation and trade ties with Israel since 1992, after they established full diplomatic ties. Since the Kargil war, where Israel provided India crucial and timely shipments of weapons and ammunition, a study of India's statements at the UN showed a softening of language against Israel, including toning down "condemnation" of Israeli airstrikes on Gaza, although it voted regularly with the developing world to stop the violence. India's vote on October 26, however, was a departure from that, where it lined up alongside 45 abstentions, mostly from European countries, rather than the 120 countries, mostly from the Global South, which included nearly all the countries of West Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, Africa and South America that voted for the resolution. India also joined the U.S.-led formulation of total condemnation of the October 7 terror attacks and for "humanitarian pauses", ostensibly to allow food, fuel and water into Gaza in between periods of Israeli bombardment, language that appeared in both its joint statements after the 2+2 dialogues with the U.S. and Australia.

India has stood apart from Western countries in that it has not thus far banned Hamas, or designated it a terror organisation as the U.S., U.K., Switzerland and Germany have moved to do. In an effort perhaps to push India to do so, Israel this week announced it was banning the Lashkar-e-Taiba, the group responsible for the Mumbai 26/11 terror attacks that included Israeli victims, 15 years later.

How will this impact ties in West Asia?

While India's relations with Israel have been increasingly "de-hyphenated" from its ties with Palestine, many experts have suggested that any change in its stance favouring Israel over all other ties with the Gulf and Arab world, will be watched closely. Each country has a rich history of ties with India. For several years, India has built special ties with the UAE and Saudi Arabia, calculating that the normalisation of ties between them and Israel is only a matter of time, as the Abraham Accords showed. As a result, the India-Israel-UAE-U.S. (I2U2) trade initiative and the recently launched India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor hinging on this normalisation could be one casualty of the Israel-Hamas conflict which has led to a strong reaction from the Arab League and Organisation of Islamic Cooperation. When asked this week, the U.S. Ambassador to India, Eric Garcetti, accepted that the conflict could pause infrastructure initiatives, but that in the long term, the logic of such plans would prevail.

India's ties with Iran, Israel's chief enemy, that have been strengthened by initiatives like the Chabahar port and the International North-South Transport Corridor to Central Asia and Russia could also be affected, if it seems that the Modi government is choosing one side more clearly than the other. Israeli companies have expressed interest in bringing in nearly a lakh of Indian workers to replace Palestinian workforce in the construction industry; New Delhi has thus far not jumped at the idea, keeping in mind the more than eight million Indians working in Gulf countries that could be impacted as well.

Argentina's President of chaos

Javier Milei

The far-right libertarian economist wants to reconfigure the government's role, slash public spending and dollarise the economy, in response to Argentina's worst economic crisis in a generation

Saumya Kalia

To some, he looks like a mix of killer doll Chucky and Boris Johnson, with a touch of Wolverine. Signature black hair that part neatly into side whiskers, bracketing a scowling face and eyes that glower with fury. To others, he speaks like Donald Trump: climate science is a socialist ploy, abortion rights are unnecessary and social justice is an "aberration". There are notes of Brazilian President Jair Bolsanaro too, with the dogged allegations of possible electoral fraud.

This is Javier Milei – Argentina's next President. A far-right libertarian, Mr. Milei on November 19 defeated left-wing rival Sergia Massa. "Today begins the reconstruction of Argentina. Today begins the end of Argentina's decline," Mr. Milei said in his victory speech, to a rallying cry of '*Qué se vayan todos*!!' All of them must go. Them, being the 'thieves' in the political elite who have overseen the Latin American country's worst economic crisis in four decades.

Mr. Milei – an economist and TV pundit – has established a reputation as a disruptor. His signature campaign promise: to 'blow up' the central bank, and replace the local peso with the U.S. dollar. (On November 24, he said shutting down the Central Bank will be "non-negotiable"). Argentina's economic and social order needs to be ripped apart, even set alight, because, only from ashes can Mr. Milei "truly make Argentina Great Again".

Origin story

He was born and brought up in Buenos Aires. With his parents – father a bus driver and mother a homemaker – he shares a 'complicated relationship', journalist Juan Luis González wrote in an unauthorised biography. The book documented a troubled childhood where Mr. Milei was physically and verbally abused at home, and bullied at school. In school itself Mr. Milei came to be known as 'El Loco', The Madman.

Mr. Milei shares a close relationship with his sister, Karina, whom he calls "the boss", according to ABC News. He is unmarried, and presently dating actor Fátima Flórez. The other documented public relationship is with his dog, the English Mastiff Conan, who passed away in 2017. Mr. Milei reportedly cloned Conan's DNA, a procedure which resulted in five puppies, each named after an economist. As per a *Forbes* report, Mr. Milei believes Conan told him in a telepathic conversation that it is God's mission for him to become Argentina's President. Mr. Milei, in an interview, has also referred to his dogs as his "strategists" and "political analysts".

At 12, Mr. Milei was drawn to Economics, at a time Argentina reeled under the 1989 hyperinflation crisis. Theory suggests that when prices rise, demand should fall, but Mr. Milei saw desperate Argentines "jumping" to buy food at elevated prices. Either "I'm an idiot or the books are wrong," he recollected in an article.

"I stopped playing soccer and dedicated myself to studying. I became fanatic, almost pathologically, with Economics." In May, he suggested legislating the sale of human organs – a "market mechanism" to solve for the lack of organ donations in the country.

Mr. Milei has worked with Argentina's leading Corporación America business group; taught economic subjects in domestic and international universities; authored more than 50 academic papers; and as of 2018, was among the most interviewed economists on TV, a ranking showed. While the world may see Mr. Milei's political likeness in Trump and Bolsanaro, the President-elect prefers to go by the titles "Adam Smith's heir", "the Mozart of Economics", "the Keynesian Wrecker".

During his career as a TV pundit, Mr. Milei built a model of popularity fuelled by profanity and panning. He had diagnosed the centre-left Peronist model and excessive government spending as Argentina's malady, and prescribed an immediate halt to taxes and subsidies.

He generously used expletives and aggressive rhetoric, reserved mostly for rivals and the country's political elite: to him, the former socialist government is best described as a "paedophile in a kindergarten". Pope Francis is an "imbecile" and a "representative of malignance on Earth".

ILLUSTRATION: R. RAJESH

Mr. Milei shocked political commentators in August this year, emerging victorious as the candidate with the highest vote share in the primary elections. "Milei came from nowhere... and his popularity came from the disaster of the bad performance of the economy in the last 12 years," said economist Andres Borenstein to a media outlet. Almost 40% of Argentines live in poverty. The three-figure inflation rate has unmade and remade records. Year-on-year deficit and fiscal negligence have plunged the country deep into debt. The common man is angry, and no one speaks this language of outrage better than Mr. Milei.

Conservative ideas

Media outlets describe Mr. Milei as a "far-right outsider", a "radical" libertarian. He refuses both labels. "I'm a liberal and libertarian, these positions are things of the left, because for the left, everything that is not on their side is on the right," he said at a rally. Though he identifies as a libertarian outsider, he "combines that hyper-liberal ideology and freedom with elements of the extreme-right", said Pablo Touzón, a political scientist.

Mr. Milei believes climate change is a "lie of socialism"; COVID-19 vaccines are a hoax and government spending on scientific research must be curbed. Women's rights activists say his victory paints a bleak picture ahead – Mr. Milei has opposed abortion rights, even in rape cases (Argentina in 2020 became the largest Latin American country to legalise abortion), and dismissed sex education as a form of Marxist brainwashing.

Once elected to power, he promises to nip bureaucracy by reducing the number of Ministries from 18 to eight (closing the Ministries of Culture, Women, Health, Environment and Education), while also making 'progressive' cuts to retirement and pension funds. He has previously expressed a desire to privatise education and health care: "Everything than can be [put] into the hands of the private sector, will be in the hands of the private sector," he said. Mr. Milei said he is aligned with the U.S., Israel, and "the free world", and pledges to cut ties with "communist" countries like China and Brazil.

Mr. Milei's victory charts a sharp new path for Argentina, this may not necessarily be a course correction, analysts say. While Mr. Milei may struggle to take control and implement his controversial ideas (his party controls just 38 of 257 seats in Argentina's lower house), if realised, his policies could bring in "absolute chaos".

For now, Mr. Milei has declared "there is no way back". "Argentina is going to reclaim the place in the world that it should never have lost," he said in his victory speech. As a 'lion', he said he wants not 'to guide lambs', but to 'wake up lions'. Only they can reconfigure the government, and set anew Argentina's policies on economics, human rights, and foreign policy. But before lions are awakened, brickbats hurled and windows cracked open, the economically fragile nation is bound to wonder: What place and freedom do Mr. Milei, and Conan, have in store for Argentina?

THE GIST

- During his career as a TV pundit, Javier Milei had diagnosed the centre-left Peronist model and excessive government spending as Argentina's malady, and prescribed an immediate halt to taxes and subsidies
- He believes climate change is a "lie of socialism"; COVID-19 vaccines are a hoax and government spending on scientific research must be curbed
- Once elected to power, he promises to nip bureaucracy by reducing the number of Ministries from 18 to eight

Out of the wilderness

Geert Wilders

With the victory of the anti-Islam, anti-immigrant Party for Freedom, Dutch politics has taken a sharp turn towards the far-right

G. Sampath

In a development that has sent shockwaves across Europe, Geert Wilders, a far-right politician known as the 'Dutch Donald Trump', has led his Party for Freedom (PVV) to victory in the general elections held on November 22. Exceeding all expectations, the PVV won 37 seats out of 150 – more than double its tally in the previous elections. In second place was the centre-left Labour/Green coalition with 25 seats, while the centre-right People's Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD) of outgoing Prime Minister Mark Rutte could muster only 24 seats. The other major winner, with 20 seats, was the conservative National Social Contract (NSC).

The Netherlands has a highly fragmented, multi-party system where no single party wins a clear majority. Typically, the party that wins the largest number of seats attempts to form a coalition government. Mr. Rutte had been Prime Minister since 2010. But his coalition collapsed in July 2023 following a series of setbacks. His government had been under fire from farmers opposed to its nitrogen bill, which sought to limit human impact on the nitrogen cycle.

Secondly, Mr. Rutte's coalition partners could not agree on proposed restrictions on family reunifications of asylum-seekers. This failure to get their act together on the migration issue prompted his government's resignation.

ILLUSTRATION: SREEJITH R. KUMAR

Interestingly, the 60-year-old Mr. Wilders is a former VVD leader. He quit the party over its stance on migration, which he felt was "too mild". Known for extreme anti-Islam, anti-immigrant rhetoric, Mr. Wilders has referred to Islam as "an ideology of a retarded culture" and Moroccans as "scum". He has vowed to ban the Koran and shut mosques in the Netherlands, and also ban head scarves in government buildings. He has attributed his sharp turn against Islam to the killing of filmmaker Theo van Gogh in 2004, which is also the year he launched PVV.

Having spent time at a kibbutz, Mr. Wilders is also heavily pro-Israel, advocating for shifting the Dutch Embassy to Jerusalem and closing its diplomatic post in Ramallah.

His extreme views extends to Euroscepticism. He wants the Netherlands out of the EU, and his plans include a 'Nexit' referendum, restoring Dutch border control, deporting undocumented migrants, work permits for intra-EU workers, and a 'Netherlands First' foreign policy. He also wants to stop sending arms to Ukraine – all of which make the prospect of Mr. Wilders becoming the next Dutch PM a worrisome one for the EU.

Coalition building

Mr. Wilders is clear he wants to be the PM and not merely a part of the ruling coalition. This won't be easy, given his politics, but not impossible. Mr. Rutte's successor as leader of the VVD, Dilan Yesilgoz-Zegerius, has already ruled out support to a Wilders government, and so has the Labour-Green coalition. But the NSC has shown interest, and their 20 seats combined with the PVV's 37 could provide a strong nucleus of 57 from which to attract smaller parties and cross the halfway mark of 75.

Mr. Wilders has also shown a willingness to dilute his radical agenda in pursuit of power. In the run-up to the general elections, he backed down a little on his anti-Islam stance. He said he would respect the Dutch Constitution, prompting his opponents to accuse him of being opportunistic. But he may calculate that compromising on his anti-Islam agenda may not cost him much politically so long as he is able to develop a consensus around his core anti-immigrant agenda, where there seems to be more of a common ground across the political spectrum.

Regardless of whether or not Mr. Wilders becomes PM, he will remain a power centre in the next government. This is part of a larger trend of far-right politicians and parties growing in influence across Europe, from Hungary's Viktor Orban, Giorgia Meloni's Brothers of Italy, the Sweden Democrats, and the Finns Party – all of whom are in power – to the AfD in Germany and the National Rally in France. Not surprisingly, these were the first to congratulate Mr. Wilders on his victory.

Outspoken parliamentarian

Mahua Moitra

The Trinamool MP, who is facing attacks from the BJP, remains unapologetic and defiant, and has lashed out at attempts 'to tarnish her reputation' by targeting her personal life

Shiv Sahay Singh

Two weeks after the Ethics Committee of the Lok Sabha recommended suspension of Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra, party chairperson and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on November 23, broke her silence on the issue, saying the BJP's attempts to expel Ms. Moitra will only make her more popular.

With her pointed remarks and political dering-do, Ms. Moitra caught the popular imagination from the time she took the plunge into politics in 2009 after leaving a cushy job at JPMorgan Chase in London. Among the youth Congress leaders who were picked by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for the 'Aam Admi Ka Sipahi' campaign almost 14 years ago, she is someone who has garnered the most attention from the media.

Born in 1974 in Assam's Cachar district, she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Mathematics from Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts, U.S. After a brief stint with the Congress Party, Ms. Moitra joined the Trinamool Congress. She had a rather slow start with West Bengal's ruling party, which initially assigned her responsibilities in Murshidabad district. It was in its second term in 2016 that the Trinamool decided to field her from Karimpur, a constituency in Nadia bordering Murshidabad district. She won the Assembly polls by a margin of over 15,000 votes.

PHOTO CREDIT: SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

Uneventful beginning

As an MLA from 2016-2019, Ms. Moitra had a rather uneventful tenure. Her speeches in the State Assembly in Bengali on the State's budgetary allocations and economy did not generate the enthusiasm which her speeches in Parliament have. When the Trinamool nominated her to contest from Krishnanagar Lok Sabha seat, she faced stiff competition from the BJP's Kalyan Chaubey. Ms. Moitra did not rely only on the party's machinery but came up with her own team, years before political consultants like I-PAC made entry into West Bengal politics. She won the seat by a margin of 63,218 votes.

Her maiden speech where she targeted the BJP government highlighting the 'seven signs of fascism' caught the attention of the country. As a first time parliamentarian, her interventions in the Lok Sabha have been well-researched, to the point and laced with scathing criticism of the ruling dispensation.

While Ms. Moitra's speeches created a niche for her in the Opposition circles, she has not been a stranger to controversy. Her remarks on Kali, describing the goddess as a meat-consuming, alcohol loving deity, led to an FIR against her in BJP-ruled Madhya Pradesh. In September 2022, Mamata Banerjee publicly admonished her, asking her not to meddle with the party's organisational affairs. She also ruffled the feathers of the media by calling mediapersons in her constituency, 'two paisa press'.

Ms. Moitra is also not a quintessential Trinamool politician who begins every statement and speech by expressing gratitude to the party chairperson. She has largely kept herself away from the factionalism of the party as far as affairs of her Lok Sabha constituency is concerned. In her first term as MP, she had created a social media presence and an acceptance across Opposition parties. Even as the Trinamool leadership was mulling over prospects of the Adani Group's investments in the State, she spared no opportunity to target the conglomerate on the allegations of stock manipulation and accounting fraud.

In the face of relentless criticism by the BJP leadership in the allegations of 'cash for query' that was looked into by the Ethics Committee, she has remained unapologetic and defiant, not budging an inch from the stand she has taken. The 49 -year-old MP has lashed out at attempts to tarnish her reputation by targeting her personal life, leaking her photographs in the public domain.

While the recommendations of the Ethics Committee may be taken up in the upcoming Winter Session of Parliament starting December 4, Ms. Moitra's future depends on how she can balance her personal ambition and growing stature within the populist politics of the Trinamool Congress.

INBRIEF

IIL unveils measles, rubella vaccine Mabella for children

Vaccine-maker Indian Immunologicals (IIL) has unveiled measles and rubella vaccine Mabella for children. A live-attenuated MR vaccine developed in an exclusive partnership with Polyvac Institute of Vietnam, Mabella was unveiled as part of the 25th celebrations of the IIL division Human Biologicals Institute (HBI) in Udhagamandalam (Ooty), Tamil Nadu. The vaccine has been proven to be safe and effective through extensive human clinical trials, IIL said on Saturday.

Berkshire Hathaway sells 2.46% in Paytm for ₹1,371 cr.

Billionaire Warren Buffet's Berkshire Hathaway Inc has sold its entire 2.46% stake in Paytm for ₹1,371 crore through an open market transaction at a loss of about 31% per share. The company had acquired 2.6% stake in Paytm for ₹1,279.7 per share at an aggregate value of ₹2,179 crore, according to an official document. The shares were disposed of on Friday at an average price of ₹877.29 apiece, taking the transaction value to ₹1,370.63 crore, according to NSE data. PTI

Rusan Pharma unveils ₹300 cr. API manufacturing unit in M.P.

Rusan Pharma, which is into pain management and deaddiction solutions worldwide, has announced the unveiling of its second API manufacturing facility at Pithampur SEZ in Madhya Pradesh. The company is investing ₹300 crore to make this plant operational in two phases in 2024. Phase one is expected to go live in January. "The new facility will capitalise on the subsidies provided by the M.P. government, said Founder and Chairman Navin Saxena.

SEBI approves rules for index providers

The market regulator introduces a regulatory framework for index providers with the objective of fostering transparency and accountability; SEBI also amends rules to encourage Small & Medium REITs with an asset value of at least ₹50 crore and to strengthen investor protection in AIFs

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The board of the Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on Saturday approved a regulatory framework for Index Providers with the objective of fostering transparency and accountability in governance and administration of financial benchmarks in the securities market.

"The regulations will provide a framework for registration of Index Providers which license 'Significant Indices' that shall be notified by SEBI based on objective criteria," SEBI chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch said.

The regulatory framework which is in accordance with IOSCO Principles for Financial Benchmarks will now only be applicable to 'Significant Indices'.

Further, in order to facilitate ease of compliance and to strengthen investor protection in Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs), SEBI stipulated that any fresh investment made by an AIF beyond September 2024 would be held in dematerialised form.

As per the decision, AIFs may now appoint a custodian who is an associate or manager or sponsor of the AIF, subject to conditions similar to those prescribed under SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 for permitting related party of sponsor of a Mutual Fund to act as its custodian.

The Board also noted that the cost of compliance to the schemes coming under the said mandate was an average of approximately ₹88,000 per annum for availing custodial services.

The Board also approved amendments to SEBI (Real Estate Investment Trusts) Regulations, 2014 to create a regulatory framework for facilitation of Small & Medium REITs (SM REITs), with an asset value of at least ₹50 crore vis-à-vis minimum asset value of ₹500 crore for existing REITs.

SM REITs will have the ability to create separate scheme(s) for owning real estate assets through special purpose vehicle(s) constituted as companies, Ms. Buch said.

The board also approved flexibility in the framework for Social Stock Exchange (SSE) to provide impetus to fundraising by Not for Profit Organisations (NPOs) on the Social Stock Exchange.

"The board approved changing the nomenclature of "Social Auditor" with "Social Impact Assessor" to provide comfort to NPOs and convey a positive approach towards the social sector," Ms. Buch said.

New market norms

SEBI gives its nod to new regulations that aim to ease fundraising and improve the administration of indices

- New regulations provide a framework for registration of Index Providers which license 'Significant Indices'
- SEBI stipulates that any fresh investment made by an AIF beyond September 2024 would be held in demat form
- Market regulator also approves flexible Social Stock Exchange rules to provide an impetus to fundraising by NPOs

Air India readies to welcome first A350 next month

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Air India is set to become the first Indian airline to add an Airbus A350 aircraft to its fleet next month, a move that will enable it to compete better with its West Asian rivals by flying more Indian passengers non-stop on long-haul international routes.

Air India (AI) will get up to four A350s till March 2024, which form a part of the 470 aircraft order AI placed with Airbus and Boeing in February and includes 70 wide-body jets.

The airline has been training its pilots, cabin crew and engineering personnel around the world to welcome the first A350-900, which will also be the first aircraft in AI's new livery.

Test ride: The aircraft will undergo DGCA evaluation, after which it will fly domestically for crew familiarisation. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

However, as these aircraft were initially destined for Aeroflot before the Russia- Ukraine war resulted in a ban, they will not yet sport AI's new interiors which is expected to be seen only from August onwards. As many as six sets of pilots (six co-pilots and six commanders) have already completed their simulator training in Singapore, according to a senior executive at the airline. "All of them are trainers to enable Air India to carry out in-house training," the executive, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said.

AI will also get its own simulators for A350, which will be installed at its soon-to-be started training academy so that all simulator training can take place in-house. Each month two sets of pilots will undergo simulator training as each A 350 will need a total of 13 sets of pilots for ultra- long-haul flights.

DGCA evaluation

Training on aircraft will be imparted by Airbus instructors only after the aircraft begin to arrive in India next month. The aircraft will however not be immediately deployed on ultra-long-haul routes such as the U.S. It will first undergo DGCA evaluation for up to 20 days, following which it will fly domestically for some time for crew familiarisation purposes.

An initial lot of cabin crew trainers have also completed their training at Toulouse, France.

Three batches of engineers, each from AI, Vistara and AIX Connect – the three Air India Group airlines- have successfully completed training sessions at the Airbus facility in Toulouse.

AI has also partnered with Singapore International Airline's maintenance, repair and overhaul arm, SIA Engineering Company, to ensure its engineers get a hands-on experience of Airbus A350's day-to-day maintenance, aircraft turn-around inspections, and scheduled maintenance activities.

'International air traffic hits highest level on Nov. 24'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The international air passenger traffic touched 1,06,827 on Friday, the highest level post the pandemic, according to Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia.

"A landmark day for Indian aviation sector! After reaching the milestone of carrying 4.63 lakh daily domestic passengers, the sector has achieved yet another feat of carrying more than 1 lakh daily international passengers," the Minister said in a post on X.

CCI buys cotton at MSP as prices drop

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE

With cotton prices remaining subdued due to lack of demand, the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has purchased nearly two lakh bales of cotton at the Minimum Support Price (MSP) since the beginning of the current cotton season (October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024).

Lalit Kumar Gupta, MD of the CCI, said the organisation is buying cotton at MSP price in nine States. It is active in most of the cotton-growing States, except Gujarat and Odisha. The MSP for seed cotton is ₹6,620 a quintal for medium staple and ₹7,020 a quintal for long staple.

The current daily arrivals are over 1.5 lakh bales. Since the beginning of the season, 47 lakh bales have arrived at the market compared with 35 lakh bales for the same period the earlier year.

"We buy 8 %-10% of the arrivals at MSP," said Mr. Gupta. "We will not permit the prices to fall below the MSP. When we buy at MSP, the price is stimulated," he added.

India announces phased introduction of biogas blending

Reuters
NEW DELHI

Phased introduction will start at 1% for use in automobiles and households from April 2025

India will start blending compressed biogas with natural gas to boost domestic demand and cut reliance on natural gas imports, the government said in a statement on Saturday.

The mandatory phased introduction will start at 1% for use in automobiles and households from April 2025, it said. The share of mandatory blending will then be increased to about 5% by 2028.

Cut imports

India, which is one of the world's largest importers of oil and gas, ships in about half of its overall gas consumption and wants to cut its import bill.

The government also aims to have 1% sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) in aircraft turbine fuel by 2027, doubling to 2% in 2028. The SAF targets will initially apply to international flights, the government said.

The steps are aimed at helping India achieve net zero emissions targets by 2070.

India's agricultural imports from South Australia tripled under zero-tariff regime

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

India's imports of almonds, beans, oranges, wines, lentils, pulses, several processed agro foods, sheep meat etc. from the state of South Australia (SA) have risen significantly since the Australia-India Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) came into effect a year ago, said Nick Champion, Minister for Trade & Investment - South Australia.

The minister who was on a six-day India tour spoke to *The Hindu*. "South Australia has been witnessing growing import demand for lentils, pulses and certain other food items following the zero-tariff rate India introduced last year, resulting in food, wine and agribusiness sector exports to India growing more than 200% in the 12 months until September 2023," he said.

Nick Champion

He said his state was also seeing significant opportunities to grow its exports to India, especially products such as food and wine, and premium food products building upon the eliminated tariffs on over 85% of Australian goods-which will rise to 90% by January 2026.

"Above all these, India is a fast-growing market for premium agri products, food items and high-value wines with consumers' disposable incomes on the rise," the minister observed.

Growth avenues

India is South Australia's fifth-largest export market, with exports worth AUD 1.1 billion of goods over the last 12 months-a figure that has risen by 11% in the previous year.

According to the minister, India and South Australia share common goals, particularly in the demand for clean, green premium produce, renewable energy, health, international education, critical technologies and space industries.

"As India seeks to grow its 3.5 trillion economy by underpinning it with digi-tech and innovation, energy transition and manufacturing, South Australia is poised to become a 'partner of choice' in areas such as e-commerce, renewable energy, critical technologies including IT, defence and space and international education," Mr. Champion said.

During his tour, the minister met with his counterpart in Karnataka, Mr. M.P Patil.

G20 समूह 2023 INDIA
वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम्
ONE EARTH • ONE FAMILY • ONE FUTURE

आर्मर्ड व्हीकल्स निगम लिमिटेड
भारत सरकार का उद्यम
रक्षा मंत्रालय

ARMOURED VEHICLES AVANI
सर्वा: प्रदिशो जयेम

CIN-U35990TN2021GOI145504

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

ARMOURED VEHICLES NIGAM LIMITED
A GOVT. OF INDIA ENTERPRISE
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

ENGAGEMENT OF PROFESSIONALS ON FIXED TERM CONTRACT BASIS

Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVANI) (AVNL) is a new Defence PSU with its headquarters at Avadi (Chennai). It has five (05) constituent production units and has around 12,000 employees. AVNL produces battle tanks i.e. T-72, T-90, MBT Arjun and Infantry Combat Vehicles, support vehicles (MPV, AERV etc.) and Defence mobility solutions (Stallion, LPTA etc.) for the armed forces and homeland security agencies. It is the current market leader in this segment. It is a new Government Company with Great Future. It offers great work environment and challenging opportunities for the professionals to prove their mettle.

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for contractual engagement for the following posts:

Sl No	POST	QTY	CAT
1.	Consultant (HR)	ONE	UR
2.	Manager(HR-CSR)	ONE	UR
3.	Manager(Estate Development)	ONE	UR
4.	Senior Content Writer	ONE	UR
5.	Manager (IT-HRMS-Computer Applications)	ONE	UR
6.	System Administrator (Linux)	ONE	UR
7.	ERP Consultant for Project Management	ONE	UR
8.	ERP Technical Consultant for Infrastructure Management	ONE	UR
9	Manager(IT)	FIVE	4 UR,1OBC
10	Consultant (Cost Accounting)	ONE	UR
11	Consultant (Cyber Security)	ONE	UR
12	Executive (Civil)	ONE	UR
13	Executive (Electrical)	ONE	UR
14	Executive (Marketing Management)	TWO	UR
15	Executive (Business Strategy)	ONE	UR
16	Executive (Mechanical)	ONE	UR

The last date of receipt of application will be **21 Days** from the date of publication of this advertisement in newspaper. For further information please visit the website **https://ddpdoo.gov.in** for detailed job specification, qualification, experience, skills, remuneration, procedure, application blank, terms and conditions for applying for the said posts.

HR Division, AVNL
email: hr@avnl.co.in
Tele: :044 – 26843338/26843348

Chennai
Dated: 26.11.2023

MEANS A LOT

It was a big thing when PM came to console us after the loss: Surya

PTI

Suryakumar expressed his gratitude towards PM Narendra Modi for his motivational words following India's WC loss and said the team will continue to play with the same spirit going into 2024 T20 WC. "We were in the dressing room and our PM came in and gave us motivation... meeting us is a big thing as he is the country's leader."

MISSED CHANCE

India's middle-order should have played with intent: Akram

K.R. DEEPAK

Wasim Akram blamed the middle-order for lack of intent that lead to India's loss in the WC final. "The middle-order should've played with a 'do-or-die' mindset... I can understand what was going through K.L. Rahul's mind as there was not much batting after him... It would have been a different ball game if they had scored quickly."

SMOKE AND MIRRORS

Australia spinner Lyon mocks England's Bazball approach

GETTY IMAGES

Nathan Lyon has dismissed assertions that England's Bazball has revolutionised the game. "I think there's a lot of smoke and mirrors with Bazball, I feel like if you're going to play an aggressive brand of cricket anyway, it's about being able to go up and down in gears and understanding the moments in the game," Lyon said.

FURIOUS

Djokovic fuming after doping control request

REUTERS

Novak Djokovic was furious after being asked to undergo a dope test shortly before Serbia's Davis Cup win over Great Britain, although the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) said on Saturday it was standard practice. "It never happened to me that an hour-and-a-half before the match, I needed to go for doping control," he said.

India will look to fix bowling issues, and extend the lead

With little to choose between the two sides, all eyes will be on the pitch; Australia could get a boost with Head, Maxwell and Zampa, who were rested in the first match, likely to be in contention for Sunday's game

INDIA IN AUSTRALIA

S. Dipak Ragav
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

India, leading the five-match series 1-0, will look to press on the advantage when it takes on Australia in the second T20I here at the Greenfield International Stadium on Sunday.

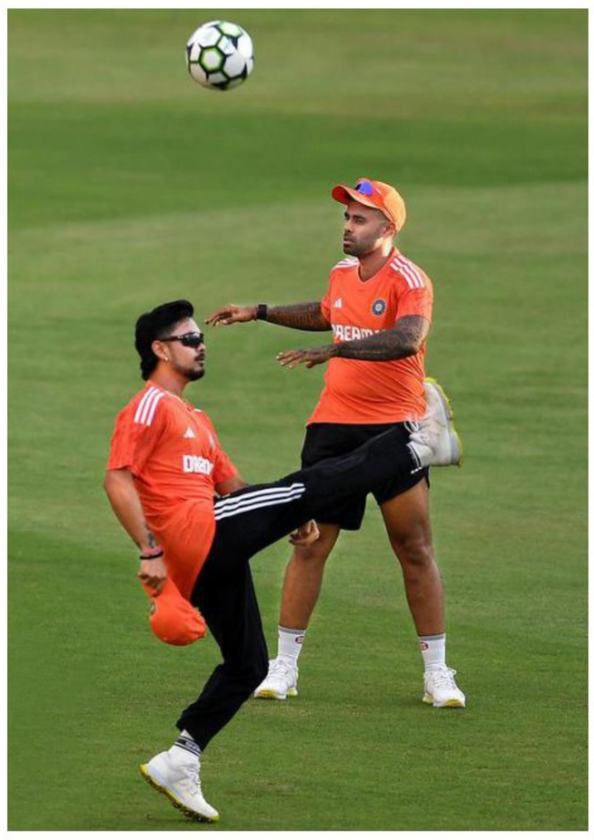
With a young team for the ongoing series, the Men in Blue will be quietly confident after their performance in the first match in Visakhapatnam, which had quite a few positives. Chasing a big total, the team had the game in control for most of it despite a last-over stutter when it lost three wickets in as many balls.

While the experienced Suryakumar Yadav and Ishan Kishan led the way with half-centuries, Rinku Singh's calm and composed unbeaten 22 towards the end was equally impressive. His 40-run partnership with skipper Suryakumar for the fifth wicket helped India reach a winning position by the 18th over. The left-hander – playing his third innings in international cricket and the first against a top team like Australia – found the boundaries when the team needed them.

An area of concern for the hosts will be the bowling attack which leaked runs and lacked discipline on a pitch that suited the batters. Pacers Prasidh Krishna and Arshdeep Singh gave the batters too much width to hit through the off-side. Leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi – after taking a wicket in his first over – bore the brunt of Josh Inglis' onslaught and would want to come up with a better effort going forward. It did not help that the spinners had no assistance from the surface, which neutralised India's advantage.

Only Mukesh Kumar excelled with the ball, nailing his yorkers and finishing with a tidy spell (0/29). The pacer gave just five runs in the 20th over, restricting the Aussies to 208, and that proved handy in the end.

Though Australia fell short, Matthew Wade's men won't want to read too much into the result. Inglis led the way with a brilliant ton, and star batter Steve Smith got some valuable runs under his belt following a quiet World Cup.



Eyeing an encore: Kishan and Suryakumar will again be keen to come up with match-winning knocks. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

The team could also get a boost with Travis Head, Glenn Maxwell and Adam Zampa – who were rested in the first match – likely to be in contention for Sunday's game.

However, like India, the visitors would also want their bowlers to sharpen their execution, having failed to defend a good total. The fast bowlers were guilty of bowling 11 out of the 12 wides. The extra deliveries meant the team fell behind on the over-rate and had to have only four fielders outside the circle as a penalty for the last two overs, allowing Rinku to find a couple of crucial boundaries.

With little to choose between the two sides, all eyes will be on the pitch. If it assists the spinners, the home team would fancy its chances of taking a 2-0 lead come Sunday night.

The teams (from):
India: Suryakumar Yadav (Capt.), Ruturaj Gaikwad, Ishan Kishan, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Tilak Varma, Rinku Singh, Jitesh Sharma, Washington Sundar, Axar Patel, Shivam Dubey, Ravi Bishnoi, Arshdeep Singh, Prasidh Krishna, Avesh Khan and Mukesh Kumar.
Australia: Matthew Wade (Capt.), Aaron Hardie, Jason Behrendorff, Sean Abbott, Tim David, Nathan Ellis, Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Glenn Maxwell, Tanveer Sangha, Matt Short, Steve Smith, Marcus Stoinis, Kane Richardson and Adam Zampa.
Umpires: J.R. Madanagopal, K.N. Ananthapadmanabhan; **TV Umpire:** Nitin Menon; **Fourth Umpire:** Rohan Pandit; **Match Referee:** Javagal Srinath.
Match starts at 7 p.m.

I have a role in the team, and a clear mindset: Tilak

Survey time: Gaikwad having a look at the surface on the eve of the second T20I. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

S. Dipak Ragav
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

With most of India's regular members not playing the ongoing T20I series against Australia, it offers a golden opportunity for players like Tilak Varma and Rinku Singh to showcase their ability in the middle-order.

Though Tilak could not make a big impact in the first match as he got out trying to attack Tanveer Sangha, the youngster felt he would continue to back his strength.

"My mindset was that because a leg-spinner (Sangha) was bowling, I wanted to take charge as we needed ten runs per over.

> I tried to see if there was any swing up front, which there was, and it is my main strength
> BEHRENDORFF

"For the fast bowlers, a settled batter in Surya *bhai* (Suryakumar Yadav) was batting and knew he could (take them on).

"So that over I wanted to charge (against) the leg-spinner," said Tilak about his game plan. "I have a role in the team playing at No. 5, and I have a clear mindset. If it is in my arc, I will go; otherwise, I will rotate," he added.

Standout bowler

Meanwhile, in a match in which more than 400 runs were scored, Australia's Jason Behrendorff was the standout bowler with a spell of 4-1-25-1.

"I tried to see if there was any swing up front, which there was, and it is my main strength.

"Then, line-wise, we are trying to be a bit straighter as width in India can travel to the fence pretty quickly," said Behrendorff.

TN battles hard to edge UP and enter the semifinals

HOCKEY NATIONALS

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

It was a captains' day out in the quarterfinals of the Hockey India 13th Senior National men's championship here on Saturday as Joshua Benedict Wesley and Harmanpreet Singh led their teams to victory and book a place in the last four.

Joshua's brace enabled Tamil Nadu edge out Uttar Pradesh 3-2 while Harmanpreet's powerful penalty corner strikes helped favourite Punjab put it across Manipur 4-2.

In another pulsating last-eight contest, defending champion Haryana beat Odisha 3-2 through sudden death after the teams were tied 2-2 at regulation time and 2-2 in the shoot-out. In the semifinals on Monday, TN will clash with Haryana while Punjab will meet Karnataka.

Though TN had its chances here and there, it was UP which converted opportunities when it mattered and at half-time it had a handy 2-0 lead.

There was a definite change in TN's intention in the third quarter as it mounted a series of attacks, but everything went in vain, including a diving shot by S. Karthi that was blocked well by 'goalkeeper Prashant Chauhan. TN went into the final quarter with a goal by Sundarapandi.

Joshua stunned the UP defence with a full 360 degree sweep that deceived those around him and one that found the roof of the net. With hardly a minute remaining, the host captain then struck the winning goal from the edge of the circle with a withering backhander.

Odisha did well to rally from a 0-2 deficit to 2-2 against Haryana and force the match to a shoot out. In the first five attempts each at the tiebreaker, the teams were tied again at 2-2. In the sudden death, Ashis Kumar Topno missed the target while Abhishek found the top of the net.

Sunday is a rest day.

The results (quarterfinals):
Karnataka 4 (Sheshe Gowda 23, Likith Bm 32, Harish Mutagar 46, 49) bt Jharkhand 1 (Dibar Barla 39).
TN 3 (Sundarapandi 27, Joshua Benedict Wesley 52 & 59) bt UP 2 (Manish Sahani 30, Sunil Yadav 30).
Haryana 3 (Yashdeep Siwach, Abhishek 2) bt Odisha 2 (Ashis Kumar Topno, Kerobin Lakra) via sudden death.
Punjab 4 (Pardeep Singh 6, Sukhjeet Singh 20, Harmanpreet Singh 32 & 51) bt Manipur 2 (Chinglensana Singh 36, Rishi Yumnam 45).

The fightback starts: Sundarapandi pulls one back for Tamil Nadu against Uttar Pradesh. M. VEDHAN

Sinner foils Djokovic to pull Italy level

Clutch: Sinner held his nerve to save three match points against Serbia's Djokovic. GETTY IMAGES

DAVIS CUP

Agence France-Presse
MALAGA

Jannik Sinner saved three match points in a thrilling win over Novak Djokovic to pull Italy level at 1-1 against Serbia in the Davis Cup semifinals on Saturday, sending the match to the deciding doubles.

The winners will face Australia in the final on Sunday. "It was an incredible match, we were one point away from being out of this competition and we are still here," said Sinner after the 6-2, 2-6, 7-5 win over Djokovic.

After Miomir Kecmanovic stormed back from a set down to dispatch Lorenzo Musetti 6-7(9), 6-2, 6-1, Djokovic was aiming to complete the job and send Serbia into the final for the first time in a decade.

However Sinner beat the 36-year-old for the second time in 11 days, snapping Djokovic's run of 22 consecutive singles wins in the Davis Cup.

Kecmanovic had swept to a victory with a powerful forehand winner, falling to the floor in delight.

"It wasn't easy at all, I wasn't positive after the first set... I knew that if I wanted to have a chance to win, I had to switch the mindset," he said.

The results (semifinals):
Serbia 1 vs Italy 1 (Kecmanovic bt Musetti 6-7(9), 6-2, 6-1; Djokovic lost to Sinner 2- 6, 6-2, 5-7).

Leading pugilists make winning starts on the opening day

NATIONAL BOXING

Sports Bureau

Leading boxers, including Sanjeet, Sachin Siwach and Kavinder Singh Bisht, made winning starts on the opening day of the National boxing championships at the SAI Indoor Hall in Shillong on Saturday.

Important results (preliminary rounds):
51kg: Nikhil Bhuiya (Jha) bt Rishi Kushwan (Raj) 4-1.
54kg: Pawan (SSCB) bt Jackson Pukhrambam (Man) 5-0.
57kg: Sachin Siwach (RSPB) bt Manish Rathore (UP) 5-0, Kavinder Singh Bisht (Utk) bt Kailash Jadhav (Mah) 5-0.
60kg: Harsh (AIP) bt V. Manikandan (TN) 5-0, Varinder Singh (RSPB) bt Amlesh Kumar (Bih) 5-0.
71kg: Akash Sangwan (SSCB) bt Hitesh Kumar (Dnh) 5-0, Nikhil Dubey (RSPB) bt Tinson Joseph (Ker) ABD-R2.
75kg: Pravesh Kumar (Har) bt Sai Teja Seela (AP) 5-0, M. Praveen Kumar (TN) bt Yash Kerketta (Cht) 4-1, Deepak (SSCB) bt R. Malsawmtluanga (Miz) 4-1.
86kg: Aswin Ramesh (TN) bt Lalit Kumar (Del) 5-0.
92kg: Sanjeet (SSCB) bt Jagadheeshwaran J. (Kar) RSC-R1.

Liverpool snaps Man City's streak

Record-breaker: Haaland overtook Andy Cole as the fastest to 50 Premier League goals. REUTERS

EURO LEAGUES

Agence France-Presse
MANCHESTER

Liverpool snapped Manchester City's 23-match winning run at the Etihad as a clash between the Premier League's top two ended 1-1 on Saturday.

Trent Alexander-Arnold's strike 10 minutes from time salvaged a point for the visitors after Erling Haaland's 50th Premier League goal put City in front.

In another match, Newcastle United striker Alexander Isak netted on his return from injury, while two second-half goals and a late Anthony Gordon strike gave the Magpies a 4-1 over 10-man Chelsea at St James Park.

The results: Premier League: Burnley 1 (Rodriguez 49-pen) lost to West Ham 2 (O'Shea 86-og, Soucek 90+1); Luton 2 (Mengi 72, Brown 83) bt Crystal Palace 1 (Olise 74); Manchester City 1 (Haaland 27) drew with Liverpool 1 (Alexander-Arnold 80); Newcastle 4 (Isak 13, Lascelles 60, Joelinton 61, Gordon 83) bt Chelsea 1 (Sterling 23); Nottingham Forest 2 (Elanga 3, Gibbs-White 76-pen) lost to Brighton 3 (Ferguson 26, Pedro 45, 58-pen); Sheffield United 1 (McBurnie 90+7) lost to Bournemouth 3 (Tavernier 12, 51, Kluivert 45). **LaLiga:** Rayo Vallecano 1 (Lopez 39) drew with Barcelona 1 (Lejeune 82-og); Valencia 0 drew with Celta Vigo 0. **Serie A:** Salernitana 2 (Kastanos 55, Candreva 66) bt Lazio 1 (Immobile 43-pen).**Bundesliga:** Borussia Dortmund 4 (Sabitzer 30, Fuellkrug 33, Bynoe-Gittens 45, Malen 90+7) bt Borussia Moenchengladbach 2 (Reitz 13, Kone 28).

On Friday: Cologne 0 lost to Bayern Munich 1 (Kane 20).

Verstappen takes pole ahead of Leclerc

The triple world champion is vying for a record-extending 19th win in 22 races; Norris drops from a provisional second to an eventual fifth

Prolific: The pole was Verstappen's 12th of the season, equalling 1992 champion Mansell's career haul of 32. AFP

ABU DHABI GP

Reuters
ABU DHABI

Red Bull's Max Verstappen took the final pole position of the Formula One season on Saturday with Ferrari's Charles Leclerc joining the triple world champion on the front row at Abu Dhabi's Yas Marina circuit.

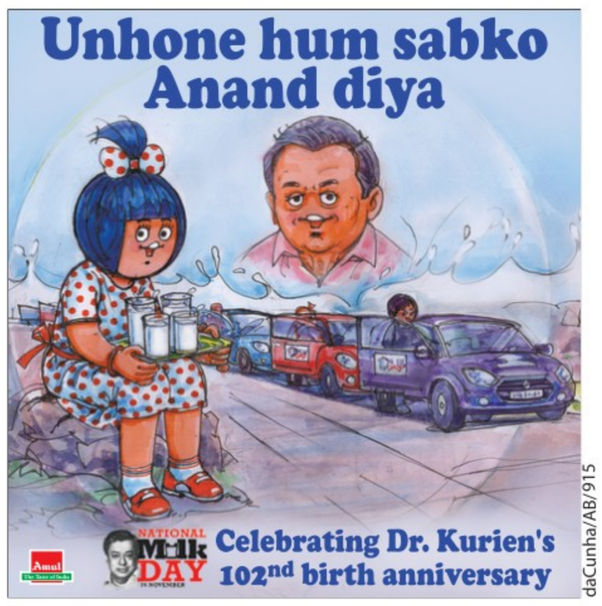
McLaren's Oscar Piastri qualified third, although the Australian rookie faced a stewards hearing for allegedly impeding Alpine's Pierre Gasly, with Mercedes' George Russell fourth. McLaren's Lando Norris dropped from a provisional second to an eventual fifth when he clipped a kerb on his final effort.

"The whole weekend so far has been a bit of a struggle so we definitely improved the car for qualifying," said Verstappen, who can end the year with a record-extending 19th win in 22 races. "From lap one it all seemed a bit more together and we could definitely push more."

Red Bull has won 20 of the 21 races so far, another F1 record, and Verstappen has won in Abu Dhabi for the past three years. Both titles have already been clinched.

Russell had been fastest in two of the practice sessions and Leclerc in the other, raising hopes elsewhere that Verstappen might not have it all his own way and raising doubts even within Red Bull.

The pole was Verstappen's 12th of the season, equalling 1992 champion Nigel Mansell's career haul of 32 - which is seventh equal in the all-time lists.



BFC will aim for full points against NorthEast

ISL-10

Sports Bureau

Bengaluru FC will eye full points when it takes on NorthEast United FC in an Indian Super League match at the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium in Guwahati on Sunday.

Simon Grayson's men have just won one of six games, and what makes it tougher is the fact that NorthEast trip will be their fifth away match of the season.

A victory before they return home for back-to-back ties will lift spirits.

NorthEast is slightly better off, having won two of its six matches. Both victories have come at home and that presents a tough challenge for Sunil Chhetri & Co.

Padikkal's knock sets up Karnataka's facile win against Uttarakhand

HAZARE TROPHY

Abhishek Saini
AHMEDABAD

Karnataka rode on Devdutt Padikkal's century (117, 122b, 13x4, 5x6) to navigate an early trough and beat Uttarakhand by 52 runs in Group C of the Vijay Hazare Trophy at the Narendra Modi Stadium here on Saturday.

After putting Karnataka in, Uttarakhand's pacers Rajan Kumar and Deepak Dhabola made early inroads with the new ball.

Mayank Agarwal was the first to depart to the second ball of the innings, fending outside off to hole out at first slip.

While Padikkal got off the blocks with two boundaries off Rajan, he was forced to retreat. R Samarth's time in the middle ended when he poked in the fourth stump channel and offered a catch to the wicketkeeper.

Making an impact: Paddikal steadied things for Karnataka after the side lost two wickets early. VIJAY SONEJI

Padikkal drew from his share of fortune when his slash off Rajan in the 18th over evaded first slip. The southpaw's incursion started against the left-arm spinner Swapnil Singh and leg-spinner Himanshu Bisht.

Padikkal collected 11 runs off Swapnil in the 30th over. In the 35th, he completed his century with a step-out hoick over long-off. S.J. Nikin Jose played the perfect second fiddle as he got to a fifty off 66 balls.

It was the insistence on keeping the tempo which saw Padikkal depart. But the 131-run association for the third wicket served well for Manish Pandey who got Karnataka to 284 for seven.

Uttarakhand's response stuttered from the outset with Avneesh Sudha caught behind off V. Koushik in the second over. The only colour in the otherwise drab PowerPlay 1 was Yuvraj Choudhary's six off Vyshak Vijaykumar in the 10th over.

But Vyshak had the last laugh when his length delivery stuck in the pitch and caught Choudhary's leading edge, leaving Uttarakhand at 39 for two in the 12th over.

The 48-run stand between Jiwanjot Singh and Dikshanshu Negi for the third wicket brought momentary hope. But the asking rate saw Negi hole out at deep cover in the 22nd over. Jiwanjot fell four short of a fifty when he sliced J. Suchith to point in the next over.

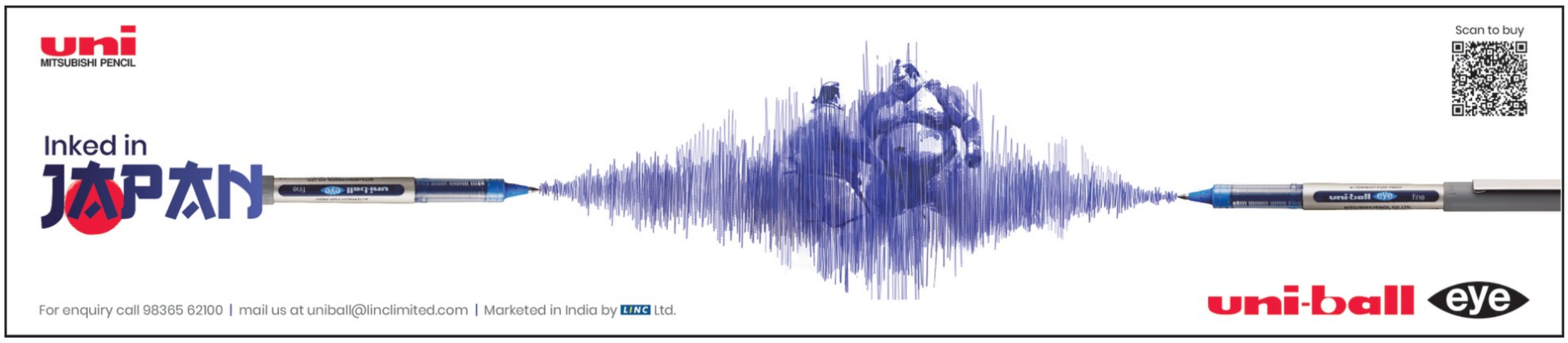
When the innings was caving in at 157 for eight, Rajan and Kunal Chandela added 71 runs for the ninth wicket, ensuring their side salvaged some pride by playing out the 50 overs.s

VIJAY HAZARE TROPHY SCORES

Group A: (At Bengaluru):
Saurashtra 222 in 48.5 overs (Harvik Desai 81, Dharmendrasinh Jadeja 56) bt Pondicherry 142 in 49 overs (Arun Karthik 48).
Kerala 231 in 49.1 overs (Sachin Baby 104, Sanju Samson 55, Mohit Avasthi 4/28) lost to Mumbai 160/2 in 24.2 overs (revised target 160 in 24.2 overs).
Railways 193 in 40 overs (Pratham Singh 50, Karn Sharma 72, Debrata Pradhan 4/35) bt Odisha 67/4 in 20.2 overs (revised target 92 in 20.2 overs)
Tripura 300/9 in 50 overs (Bikramkumar Das 76, Rajat Dey 67, Bikramjit Debnath 50) bt Sikkim 91/4 in 25 overs (revised target 160 in 25 overs).
Group B (At Jaipur): Services 288/8 in 50 overs (Vineet Dhankhar 104, Anshul Gupta 98) lost to Maharashtra 291/4 in 44.5 overs (Nikhil Naik 82 n.o., Kedar Jadhav 74, Azim Kazi 59 n.o.).
Hyderabad 297/8 in 50 overs (Tanmay Agarwal 112, Chandan Sahani 49) bt Jharkhand 280/8 in 50 overs (Saurabh Tiwary 78, Aryaman Sen 63, Vikash Vishal 61).
Chhattisgarh 290/7 in 50 overs (Rishabh Tiwari 96, Eknath Kerkar 50, Ashutosh Singh 49) bt Meghalaya 213 in 46.3 overs (Larry Sangma 51, Jaskirat Singh Sachdeva 42, Shubham Singh 4/54).

Sachin Baby. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Manipur 113 in 45.4 overs (Johnson Singh 51, Akshay Karnewar 4/18) lost to Vidarbha 115/2 in 16.5 overs (Aman Mokhade 49).
Group C (At Ahmedabad):
Karnataka 284/7 in 50 overs (Devdutt Padikkal 117, Nikin Jose 72, Manish Pandey 56) bt Uttarakhand 232/9 in 50 overs (Kunal Chandela 98, Jiwanjot Singh 46, V. Koushik 4/30).
J&K 138 in 37.4 overs (Abdul Samad 40, Raj Bawa 4/25) lost to Chandigarh 142/2 in 25.1 overs (Arslan Khan 76 n.o.).
Bihar 112 in 30.4 overs (Raghuvendra Pratap Singh 46 n.o., Harshal Patel 4/49) lost to Haryana 117/0 in 19.1 overs (Ankit Kumar 61 n.o., Yuvraj Singh 50 n.o.).
Mizoram 128 in 42.1 overs (Suyash Sharma 4/25) lost to Delhi 131/2 in 16.5 overs (Himmat Singh 52 n.o., Ayush Badoni 45 n.o.).
Group D (At Chandigarh):
Himachal 276 in 50 overs (Prashant Chopra 61, Rishi Dhawan 48) lost to Uttar Pradesh 277/3 in 37 overs (Swastik Surender Chikara 117, Priyam Garg 74, Nitish Rana 42 n.o.).
Arunachal 234/4 in 50 overs (Sachin Dhanesh Sharma 100, Aprameya V. Jaiswal 45) lost to Andhra 235/1 in 34.1 overs (Srikar Bharat 117 n.o., Ashwin Hebbar 103 n.o.).
Gujarat 128 in 29 overs (Chirag Gandhi 43 n.o., Deepak Chahar 6/41) lost to Rajasthan 129/5 in 28.4 overs (Deepak Hooda 76 n.o.).
Group E (At Mumbai): Tamil Nadu 296/8 in 50 overs (Sai Sudharsan 125, Dinesh Karthik 47 n.o., Baba Aparajith 40) bt Goa 263 in 50 overs (Snehal Kauthankar 55, Krishnamurthy Siddharth 61, Sandeep Warrier 4/20).
Nagaland 132 in 41 overs (Kulwant Khejroliya 4/31) lost to Madhya Pradesh 133/1 in 9.5 overs (Rajat Patidar 70, Yash Dubey 49 n.o.).
Bengal 314/8 in 50 overs (Abhimanyu Eswaran 141, Abishek Porel 59, Anustup Majumdar 41) bt Baroda 219 in 44.2 overs (Shashwat Rawat 59).



INBRIEF

Maiden national junior boys' billiards title for Duggal

Chandigarh's Ranveer Duggal clinched his maiden National junior boys' billiards title with a clean slate in the semifinal round-robin league at the 90th National billiards and snooker in Chennai on Saturday.

The results (junior boys): Billiards: Semifinals (round-robin league): Dhruv Patel (Guj) bt Tathya Sachdev (MP) 569-294; Ranveer Duggal (Chg) bt Sumer Mago (Mah) 460-334; Dhruv Patel bt Sumer Mago 431-328; Ranveer Duggal bt Tathya Sachdev 609-232; Ranveer Duggal bt Dhruv Patel 380-342; Tathya Sachdev bt Sumer Mago 422-360.

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 9 a.m.
Badminton: China Masters, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 10.30 a.m.
Formula One: Abu Dhabi GP, F1 TV & F1 TV Pro App, 6.30 p.m.
India vs Australia: 2nd T20I, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 & 10 p.m.
Bundesliga: Sony LIV, 8 & 11 p.m.
ISL: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 8 p.m.
Tennis: Davis Cup, Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8.30 p.m.

Satwik-Chirag duo enters summit clash

The former World No. 1 Indian pair notched up a win over the China's He and Ren in an explosive semifinal

CHINA MASTERS

Press Trsut of India
SHENZHEN

Star Indian duo of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty dished out another attacking masterclass to progress to the men's doubles final at the China Masters here on Saturday.

The former World No. 1 Indian pair notched up a 21-15, 22-20 win over the Chinese duo of He Ji Ting and Ren Xiang Yu in an explosive semifinal that lasted 50 minutes.

The World No. 50 pair of He and Ren showed their prowess, especially in the second game but Satwik and Chirag displayed great mental fortitude to close the issue in straight games.

The Indians lead from the start and entered the break with a healthy 11-6 lead. The Chinese duo hit back after resumption to cut the deficit to 10-12. Soon the Indians led 18-10. When the Chinese went wide, India had seven-game points and they converted it on the third chance.

Nothing changed in the second game as once again both the pairs fought for supremacy.

The Chinese pair lead 8-6 after the Indians went wide. He and Ren then moved to a healthy three-point cushion at the interval. After resumption the Indian duo clawed back at 13-13. Two clever shots on the backcourt helped the Indians make it 15-15 and they soon held a two-point cushion at 18-16.

At 19-19, Chirag's smash gave them one match point but they squandered it.

The Indians grabbed their second match point as Satwik unleashed his trademark smash to seal their place in the final.

The results: semifinal: Satwiksairaj & Chirag bt He & Ren (Chn) 21-15, 22-20.

On the prowl: Satwik-Chirag duo emerged victorious, thanks to its superior attacking game in the match. FILE PHOTO

Chennaiyin, East Bengal share points

ISL-10

Aneesh Dey
CHENNAI

In a day of defensive errors, Chennaiyin FC and East Bengal shared points in a 1-1 draw in the Indian Super League football at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium on Saturday.

The contest started on an equal footing, with both teams having an early sight of goal. The breakthrough came in the 29th minute, silencing most of the Marina Arena.

Irfan had the chance to steal the winner in additional time as he lunged at a Crivellaro cross from the left flank, but he could not get a touch.

While Owen Coyle's men fought till the end to churn out a draw, the Scotsman will be presented with further selection headaches as Ryan Edwards got his marching orders after getting a second yellow card late in additional time.

The results: Chennaiyin 1 (Ninthoi 86) drew with East Bengal 1 (Ayush 29-og); Kerala Blasters 1 (Drincic 41) bt Hyderabad 0.

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Breezing through: Shrivalli defeated second seed Tararudee of Thailand in straight sets in the semifinals. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

It's Shrivalli vs Zeel

In an all-Indian singles final at the Bowring Institute ITF World Tennis Tour event, Shrivalli Rashmikaa Bhamidipaty will take on Zeel Desai on Sunday. In the semifinals on Saturday, Shrivalli beat Thailand's Lanlana Tararudee (second seed) in straight sets while Zeel came back from a set down to oust third-seeded Rutuja Bhosale.

The results: Singles (semifinals): Shrivalli Rashmikaa Bhamidipaty bt Lanlana Tararudee (Tha) 6-2, 6-1; Zeel Desai bt Rutuja Bhosale 3-6, 6-4, 7-5. **Doubles (final):** Diletta Cherubini (Ita) & Antonia Schmidt (Ger) bt Punnin Kovapitukted (Tha) & Anna Ureke 4-6, 7-5, [10-4].

Big win for Karnataka

Chitra (4/8) and R. Pragna Veera Brahmini (3/9) ran through Meghalaya as Karnataka registered a nine-wicket win in the BCCI u-15 Women's one-day Trophy in Kolkata.

The scores: Meghalaya 31 in 26.3 overs (Chitra 4/8, R. Pragna Veera Brahmini 3/9) lost to Karnataka 32/1 in 3.4 overs.

Anaya and Kaviya shine

A brace each from Anaya Susan Thomas and Kaviya Pakkirisamy helped Karnataka defeat Assam 4-1 in a Group-C encounter of the Senior National Women's football championship in Bengaluru on Saturday.

The results: Karnataka 4 (Anaya 76 & 79, Kaviya 87 & 90) bt Assam 1 (Maidangshri Narzary 44); Sikkim 6 (Nimita Gurung 28, Rojana Lepcha 45+1, Simran Gurung 70, Muskan Subba 79, 87 & 90+1) bt Tripura 0; Chandigarh 1 (Ritu 90+4) bt Kerala 0.

Livermore, who is in good shape, should score in the Golconda 1000 Guineas

HYDERABAD: Trainer L.D'Silva's Livermore, who is in good shape, should score over her rivals in the Golconda 1000 Guineas, the first classic of the Hyderabad winter season, on the opening day's races here on Sunday (Nov. 26).

1 WINDSCALE PLATE (1,200m), (Terms) Maiden, 2-y-o only (Cat. II) – 1.10 p.m.: 1. Bellingham (2) Suraj Narredu 56, 2. Exclusive Black (5) Md. Ismail 56, 3. Get Lucky (3) R.S. Jodha 56, 4. Cannon Rose (4) P. Sai Kumar 54.5, 5. Glorious Power (1) Afroz Khan 54.5 and 6. White Pearl (6) Akshay Kumar 54.5.
1. BELLINGHAM, 2. WHITE PEARL, 3. EXCLUSIVE BLACK

2 SHRAVAN KUMAR MEMORIAL CUP (Div. II) (1,200m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 1. 40: 1. Stoic Hero (8) P. Ajeeth Kumar 60, 2. She Can (3) Akshay Kumar 59.5, 3. Its On (6) B. Nikhil 55.5, 4. Fortunatus (2) Antony Raj S 54.5, 5. Wind Sprite (10) S. Saqlain 54, 6. Divine Connection (4) Md. Ekram Alam 53.5, 7. Proud Mary (7) P. Trevor 53.5, 8. Colt Pistol (1) Abhay Singh 52, 9. Worcester (5) Vivek G 52, 10. Classy Dame (11) Surya Prakash 51.5 and 11. Kenna (9) Kuldeep Singh (Jr) 51.5.
1. SHE CAN, 2. FORTUNAS, 3. DIVINE CONNECTION

3 ROYAL TERN PLATE (1,800m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 2. 15: 1. Miss Marvellous (6) A. Imran Khan 60, 2. Shadow Of The Moon (4) Mukesh Kumar 60, 3. Just Incredible (3) Kuldeep Singh (Sr) 59.5, 4. Mandela (1) Akshay Kumar 56.5, 5. Terenga (2) Antony Raj S 55, 6. Divine Destiny (5) Surya Prakash 54.5, 7. Grand Duke (7) R.S. Jodha 54.5, 8. Encore (8) P. Sai Kumar 51.5 and 9. Indian Sniper (9) Ajay Kumar 51.5.
1. SHADOW OF THE MOON, 2. TERENGA, 3. MANDELA

4 MANCHERIAL PLATE (Div. I) (1,400m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 2.45: 1. Happy Soul (4) Surya Prakash 61, 2. D Right Time (10) Vivek G 60.5, 3. Queen Empress (12) Abhay Singh 60.5, 4. Capriati (1) P. Sai Kumar 60, 5. Beauty Flame (5) N.B. Kuldeep 56.5, 6. Desert Sultan (11) G. Naresh 55, 7. Swiss Girl (7) Antony Raj S 55, 8. Caraxes (6) Afroz Khan 54, 9. London Bell (8) Md. Ekram Alam 53.5, 10. Wandring Warrior (9) Kuldeep Singh (Sr) 53.5, 11. Bold Beauty (3) Santosh Raj 52.5 and 12. Arnaz (2) B. Nikhil 51.
1. HAPPY SOUL, 2. CAPRIATI, 3. QUEEN EMPRESS

5 SHRAVAN KUMAR MEMORIAL CUP (Div. I) (1,200m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 3.15: 1. Commanding Knight (9) Suraj Narredu 60, 2. Hugh Capet (3) Deepak Singh 59, 3. Barbet (7) P. Trevor 55, 4. Adbhut (10) Afroz Khan 54, 5. Star Medal (11) R.S. Jodha 54, 6. Happy Go Lucky (4) Vivek G 53.5, 7. Alexina (8) Ajay Kumar 52, 8. Crimson Rose (6) Abhay Singh 52, 9. Malibu (1) Md. Ekram Alam 51.5, 10. N R I Fantasy (5) Surya Prakash 51.5 and 11. Hard To Toss (2) Likhit Appu 51.
1. BARBET, 2. COMMANDING KNIGHT, 3. ADBHUT

6 PRINCE OF BERAR TROPHY (1,400m), rated 60 to 85 (Cat. II) – 3.45: 1. Ashwa Morocco (6) Ajay Kumar 60, 2. Kancha (1) B. Nikhil 58.5, 3. Tiger Mountain (8) A. Imran Khan 58, 4. Royal Grace (7) Afroz Khan 57.5, 5. Huntingdon (13) S. Saqlain 56.5, 6. Brilliant Star (5) Suraj Narredu 54.5, 7. High Command (10) Akshay Kumar 54, 8. Best Buddy (4) Md. Ekram Alam 53.5, 9. True Icon (2) R.S. Jodha 53, 10. Exotic Dancer (9) Likhit Appu 52, 11. Laurus (3) Santosh Raj 52, 12. N R I Superpower (11) Abhay Singh 52 and 13. Nightmare (12) Surya Prakash 52.
1. HUNTINGDON, 2. HIGH COMMAND, 3. ASHWA MOROCCO

7 GOLCONDA 1000 GUINEAS (Gr. 2) (1,600m), (Terms) Fillies, 3-y-o only – 4.15: 1. Angeles (2) Antony Raj 57, 2. Golden Gazelle (3) Vivek G 57. 3. La Belle (6) P. Trevor 57, 4. Livermore (5) S. Saqlain 57, 5. N R I Doublepower (1) Afroz Khan 57, 6. Silver Act (4) B. Nikhil 57, 7. Starkova (7) Suraj Narredu 57 and 8. West Brook (8) Akshay Kumar 57.
1. LIVERMORE, 2. WEST BROOK, 3. ANGELES

8 MANCHERIAL PLATE (Div. II) (1,400m), rated 20 to 45 – 4.45: 1. Australia (6) Deepak Singh 60.5, 2. Saint Emilion (8) Shivansh 59, 3. Precious (2) Antony Raj 58, 4. Das (5) Kuldeep Singh (Sr) 57, 5. Rochelle (1) Santosh Raj 55.5, 6. Brooklyn Beauty (3) Mohit Singh 55, 7. Cosmico (10) Surya Prakash 55, 8. Sweet Whisper (7) Nakhat Singh 54, 9. N R I Skypower (9) Afroz Khan 53.5, 10. Federer (11) G. Naresh 52.5, 11. Nkalanzinzi (12) P. Sai Kumar 51.5 and 12. Duck Hawk (4) Abhay Singh 50.
1. PRECIOUS, 2. ROCHELLE, 3. BROOKLYN BEAUTY

Day's Best: **LIVERMORE**

Jackpot: 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8; Mini Jackpot: (i) 2, 3, 4 & 5. (ii) 5, 6, 7 & 8; Treble: (i) 1, 2 & 3. (ii) 3, 4 & 5. (iii) 6, 7 & 8; Tanala: All races.

De Villiers wins Hyderabad Silver Vase

BENGALURU: S. Attaollahi trained De Villiers (Trevor up) won the Hyderabad Silver Vase, the feature event of the races held here on Saturday (Nov. 25). The winner is owned by Mr. Marthand Singh Mahindra, Mrs. Rina Mahindra, Mr. Rama Seshu Eyunni & Mr. P. Prabhakar Reddy. Trainer Arjun Mangalorkar and Jockey Antony won three races respectively on the day.

THE RESULTS:

1. KUNCHIKAL FALLS PLATE (DIV. III): FAST RESPONSE (Tousif) 1, Dallas Drifter (Shreyas S) 2, Elizabeth Regina (S. Saqlain) 3 and Phoebe (Salman Khan) 4. 3-1/4, Nk and 1-1/2. 1m 08.35s. Rs. 76 (w), 21, 48 and 11 (p), SHP: 148, THP: 61, FP: 1,952, Q: 1,212, Trinella: 7,434, Exacta: 57,120 (c/o). Favourite: Sea God.
Owners: Mr. S. Dominic, Dr. G. Ravi Shankar, Mr. Sandeep C Raghuram & Mr. P.K. Jain. Trainer: S. Dominic.

2. GODAVARI PLATE: ALTAMONTE (Jagadeesh) 1, Elite Agent (M. Rajesh K) 2, Double Vision (S. Saqlain) 3 and Southernaristocrat (B.L. Paswam) 4. 1/2, 1 and 3. 1m 29.18s. Rs. 39 (w), 15, 18 and 14 (p), SHP: 63, THP: 55, FP: 238, Q: 143, Trinella: 455, Exacta: 1,888. Favourite: Double Vision.
Owner and trainer: Mr. S. Inayathulla.

3. KUNCHIKAL FALLS PLATE (DIV. II): RICARDO (Antony) 1, Indian Blues (G. Vivek) 2, Nyaya (Trevor) 3 and Silver Swift (B.L. Paswan) 4. 3, 3/4 and 2-3/4. 1m 07.46s. Rs. 27 (w), 11, 21 and 11 (p), SHP: 68, THP: 58, FP: 245, Q: 156, Trinella: 329, Exacta: 3,731. Favourite: Nyaya.
Owners: Mr. Haider Soomar, M/s. Arun Alagappan Racing LLP, Mr. Chandrakanth Kankaria & Mukteshwar Racing LLP. Trainer: Arjun Mangalorkar.

4. SNAP PLATE: DOUGLAS (R. Pradeep) 1, Forty Niner (Akshay K) 2, Tripitaka (Suraj) 3 and Lauterbrunnen (M. Rajesh K) 4. Not run: Spectacular. Lnk, 1-1/4 and 1-1/4. 1m 07.61s. Rs. 350 (w), 44, 12 and 12 (p), SHP: 34, THP: 36, FP: 1,529, Q: 349, Trinella: 2,461, Exacta: 26,832. Favourite: Forty Niner.
Owners: Mr. Kishore M. Dingra, Mr. Ashok Ranpise & Mr. Prakash Babu. Trainer: Neil Devaney.

5. Y.S. SURENDER MEMORIAL TROPHY: GOLDEN PEAKS (S. Saqlain) 1, Stormy Ocean (Antony) 2, Vivaldo (Akshay K) 3 and Amazing Attraction (Shreyas S) 4. Hd, 2-1/4 and 1/2. 1m 39.47s. Rs. 38 (w), 15, 15 and 15 (p), SHP: 42, THP: 48, FP: 202, Q: 120, Trinella: 468, Exacta: 2,403. Favourite: Vivaldo.
Owners: Mr. Mukul A. Sonawala, M/s. DT Racing & Breeding LLP, Mr. Girish Mehta & Mr. K. Mahaveer Chand. Trainer: Parvati Byramji.

6. HYDERABAD SILVER VASE: DE VILLIERS (Trevor) 1, Yukan (Srinath) 2, Ravishing Form (S. Saqlain) 3 and Last Wish (Antony) 4. 1/2, 3-1/4 and Nose. 1m 25.69s. Rs. 27 (w), 14 and 22 (p), SHP: 34, THP: 34, FP: 120, Q: 70, Trinella: 202, Exacta: 318. Favourite: Ravishing Form.
Owners: Mr. Marthand Singh Mahindra, Mrs. Rina Mahindra, Mr. Rama Seshu Eyunni & Mr. P. Prabhakar Reddy. Trainer: S. Attaollahi.

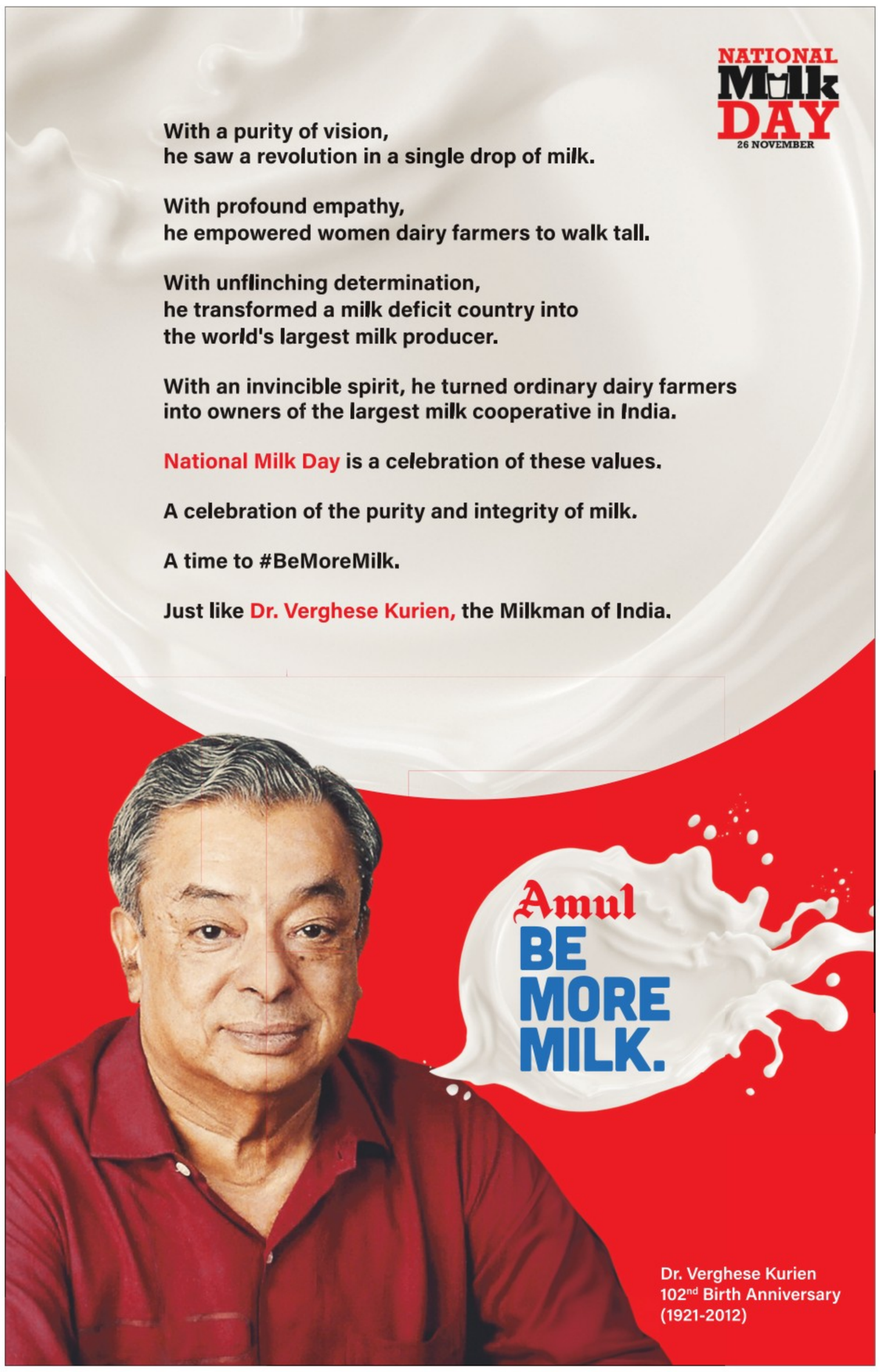
7. DAVANAGERE STAKES: CASTANEDA (Antony) 1, Maroon (Trevor) 2, Southern Force (Srinath) 3 and Peridot (L.A. Rozario) 4. 1, 2-1/4 and 1-1/4. 1m 27.14s. Rs. 33 (w), 14, 13 and 11 (p), SHP: 33, THP: 42, FP: 84, Q: 52, Trinella: 203, Exacta: 733. Favourite: Southern Force.
Owners: M/s. Blazing Saddles(PF), Mr. Haider Soomar, Mr. K. Harish Nayak & Mr. H.J. Balram. Trainer: Arjun Mangalorkar.

8. KUNCHIKAL FALLS PLATE (DIV. I): CZAR (Antony) 1, Mazal Tov (Srinath) 2, Roman Spirit (Akshay K) 3 and Bold Act (M. Prabhakaran) 4. 1/2, 2-3/4 and 4-3/4. 1m 07.30s. Rs. 29 (w), 12, 14 and 12 (p), SHP: 32, THP: 34, FP: 69, Q: 35, Trinella: 114, Exacta: 855. Favourite: Mazal Tov.
Owners: M/s. Rapar Galloping Stars LLP rep. by Mr. Rajendran & M/s. Blazing Saddles(PF). Trainer: Arjun Mangalorkar.
Jackpot: Rs. 1,09,069 (one tkts).
Treble (i): 8,489 (carried over); (ii): 366 (57 tkts).

Uday Saharan to lead India in U-19 Asia Cup

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

Promising batsman Uday Saharan will lead defending champion India in the ACC Men's Under-19 Asia Cup to be played in the UAE from December 8.

Saumy Kumar Pandey was named as vice-captain. India is grouped with Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nepal in the tournament.

The squad: Uday Saharan (Capt.), Saumy Kumar Pandey (vice-captain), Arshin Kulkarni, Adarsh Singh, Rudra Mayur Patel, Sachin Dhas, Priyanshu Moliya, Musheer Khan, Dhanush Gowda, Avinash Rao (wk), M. Abhishek, Innesh Mahajan (wk), Aardhya Shukla, Raj Limbani and Naman Tiwari.